

One way or  
another HOV  
hours will be  
shorter

Marc Albert

An environmental group is lobbying El Cerrito and other cities along the Interstate 80 corridor proposing a change in requirements for the freeway's high-occupancy vehicle lane even as a state senate bill appears ready to end the lane's extended 14-hour operation. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission will vote July 22 on a proposal to slash the carpool lane to more standard nine hours of operation, during the morning and evening commutes.

Resolutions supporting the action have already passed the State Senate and an MTC committee.

El Cerrito and Berkeley are among the cities being asked to put the issue on their council agendas. The Environmental Defense Fund. The issue was on the El Cerrito agenda last week, but was pulled because of the length of the Plaza disposal hearing.

Senator Richard Rainey, representing suburban Contra Costa County, is urging the MTC to evaluate the efficacy of the HOV lane now, instead of waiting until next year to conduct the study. Berkeley threatened to sue Caltrans years ago in an effort to block the HOV lane's construction. Caltrans struck a compromise, pledging to operate the 14 hours a day for 18 months before conducting a study. Caltrans is now likely to follow orders from the MTC and senate.

The senate voted July 8 to ask the MTC to do the study immediately. However MTC had curiously completed the study urging the state's shortening nine days before the vote.

"After four months of using the carpool lane we came to the conclusion that it didn't make sense to continue the carpool lane... mainly because the lanes are not being used during midday hours," said Doug Kimsey, a planner and analyst with the MTC. According to Kimsey, midday use of the lane averages below 300 vehicles per hour. Kimsey said in order to prove worthwhile, traffic counts should be closer to 800 an hour. Use of the lane has increased in recent months from

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Users of the Ohlone Greenway are happy to see police bicycle patrols, particularly along the path's more isolated areas.

## Where no patrol has gone before

**By Chris Treadway**  
EL CERRITO — Det. Scott Erwin was patrolling along Richmond Street when "A guy pulled out in front of somebody." Erwin leaned over from the new Mongoose Pro bicycle he was riding, "tapped on his window" and gave a verbal warning.

Though it has happened, keeping motorists in line is not the primary mission of the El Cerrito Police Department's new bike patrol, up and rolling since April. The primary mission is giving officers access to areas they couldn't patrol from police cruisers, most notably the Ohlone Greenway, the long linear park underneath the BART tracks, long an enforcement problem because much of it is hidden from the street.

Just as important, the patrols give the department a higher profile among the general public, much the way walking beats once did in many cities. Officers are out of their cars and in the community, which makes inroads between residents and the people paid to protect them. "Some of the officers out on bike patrol can get to calls as quickly as cars can," said Watch Commander Scott



Det. Scott Erwin is an initial member of EC's bike patrol. Mosby.

You may have seen an officer riding the inner courtyard at El Cerrito Plaza or riding along the Community Center grounds at the July 4 Fair.

While the bike patrols are new, they "have been on my list for a long time," said Police Chief Linda Fellers, who has wanted to take care

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## Bike program had roadblocks

In the minds of many residents, a police bicycle patrol is long overdue. But getting the program up and operating has been a bumpy road.

The cost of the bicycles alone was a major obstacle for El Cerrito's budget-strapped police department. The effort got a jump start last year when a community program operated at the corporate level by Target Stores donated enough funding to buy three specially equipped Mongoose Pro bicycles, which even come with a flashing red light.

The cost per bike was about \$1,100. But there is also the cost of training bike officers and equipping them with riding uniforms and helmet.

So far, nine officers have signed up and more want to join. It means more officers out and mingling with the community, although there are concerns.

"Officer safety is an issue," said Det. Scott Erwin, one of the first officers to join the program. "You don't have the security of a car, which has awesome field coverage. Part of riding a bike is knowing where you are at all times."

At the same time, there is the security that builds as officers go out on a bike and make contact with the public. "When you're driving a car, people wave at you all the time," Erwin said. "It's unfortunate that you have that big glass barrier because a lot of people think you're unapproachable. It's a lot easier when you have a bike."

—Chris Treadway

## School site fate generates debate in Kensington

**By James Carter**  
KENSINGTON — The Hayward Fault runs directly beneath the streets of this small affluent town. When the Big One strikes, the hilly enclave nestled comfortably between Berkeley and El Cerrito could quite literally be split right down the middle.

Yet it may not take an earthquake to fracture Kensington. A battle over property acquired by an advisory bond measure called Measure G may have already accomplished what nature has yet to do.

At issue is the development — and the demolition — of what was once Jefferson School. Measure G, passed by 58 percent of the voters in March of 1995, paved the way for the purchase of a large parcel of land from the City of Richmond after that school district went bankrupt.

Built in the late 1940s, Jefferson School has been boarded up for many years. Since the district issued \$2.5 million in bonds to purchase the school grounds, plans have been debated as to how to develop — or not develop — that parcel.

The language of Measure G gave the Kensington Community Services District (KCS) the okay to

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## Softball field safe from EBMUD work

Ten members of the Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League recently contacted *The Journal* expressing concerns over plans by the East Bay Municipal Utility District to use the baseball field at Codornices park "as a parking lot" for construction equipment "for over two years." The young athletes, who use the field to play ball, urged people to contact public officials and ask them to find an alternative site for the machinery "instead of a beautiful field that ABGSL needs."

Yet it appears such concerns can be put to rest — at least for now. According to Ida McClendon of EBMUD, when construction begins in the year 2000, "we are going to have to use an area adjacent to the ball field for only six to nine months." McClendon said the district will be completely rebuilding Berryman Reservoir "due to seismic problems." She said no definite plans have been made since environmental impact reports have yet to be completed.

Nevertheless, according to McClendon, tentative plans call for equipment to be parked on the southern edge of the ball field "200 feet from homeplate." She said that while the parked equipment "might restrict access to the field," there is "no other place" to store the machinery. McClendon also said construction of the reservoir would be done during the winter months — not during softball season — and there are still hearings scheduled to discuss "mitigating" whatever problems might be caused by the work.

## Committee delves into lesson on redevelopment

**By J.R. Deaton**  
EL CERRITO — The basics of local redevelopment, one of the more charged topics in town, was the focus of last week's Services for the 21st Century meeting. The services committee of the Whole City Commission heard a report by Redevelopment Program Manager Elisa Tierney outlining redevelopment history, function, focus, project area, target areas, past projects, recent activities and agency budget and accounting numbers.

Redevelopment can be a sensitive topic in El Cerrito and although there were some pointed comments

from the audience, Tierney made it through her presentation while fielding several questions. She was able to answer most, if not all, with some help from Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft and Financial Services Manager Julie Brown.

Tierney explained that the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency came into being in 1977, primarily to address "blighting conditions" along the San Pablo Avenue commercial corridor. The agency's boundaries essentially run through the city north to south along San Pablo Avenue, incorporating wider areas at each end to include El Cer-

rito Plaza to the south and the Del Norte area to the north.

One man in the audience seemed to challenge the notion that there is blight in the city. "Can you tell me where there is blight in El Cerrito?" Longtime resident John Hogan asked, adding that it seems the "whole thing is arbitrary."

Tierney pointed out empty stores at the Plaza and some sections along San Pablo Avenue as examples of blighted areas.

To fight blight, she said, the agency has several tools at its disposal, including authority to buy and assemble properties for "redispotion" to developers at a

reduced price and the "least popular" power, eminent domain.

Tierney noted that the agency operates under governmental oversight and that the taking of private property is allowed only "for a public use" and that just compensation is required by the U.S. Constitution. To buy property in the project area at a reduced price, Tierney explained the developer must prove that this lower price is justified and necessary.

The agency earns money for operation through tax increment or "bootstrap" financing, Tierney explained. Tax revenues generated by

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### Worth Checking Out

**General Plan**  
El Cerrito's citywide Workshop #1 on the General Plan is Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. John the Baptist School Auditorium, 11156 San Pablo Ave. (enter the auditorium from the 1500 block of Kearney St., at the rear of the school).

**Recruitment for July 4**  
A Community Steering Committee is being formed to plan, and implement next year's City of Albany Celebration of July 4. The Committee will be made up of community members, organizations and City Staff. Interested parties should contact the Recreation and Community Services Department, 524 -9283 (ask for Tanna) to leave their name and telephone number. Individuals will be contacted with the time and date of the first meeting.

**Memorial Park input**  
Join your friends and neighbors in developing plans for future improvements to the city of Albany's Memorial Park. Meetings are scheduled beginning July 30, 7 to 9 p.m.; Aug. 6, Aug. 20, Sept. 3, Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Oct. 29. All meetings are at the Memorial Park Childcare Bldg. Details: Albany Recreation and Community Service Department at 524-9283.

**Jazz Band Summer Concert**  
The Albany Adult School Jazz Band will perform in a free summer concert Monday, July

20, at the Albany Community Center, corner of Marin and Masonic. The concert begins at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 524-9538.

**Sustainable Bay Area**  
If you missed this presentation in April, here's another chance: On July 29 at 7:30 p.m. the El Cerrito Planning Commission hosts "Blueprint for a Sustainable Bay Area," a 45-minute slide show discussion by Urban Ecology member David Early at the Open House Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. (behind the library). The Blueprint, published by Urban Ecology in 1996, offers one point of view as discussions about El Cerrito's future continue in public meetings about the General Plan, Services for the 21st Century, and other community issues.

**Tree Commission**  
El Cerrito's Tree Commission is seeking applicants for three unscheduled vacancies. The commission, inactive for several years, is being reactivated in anticipation of a view dispute in the near future. The commission arbitrates disputes between complainants and tree owners and issues non-binding findings of fact. Applications can be obtained from the City Clerk (215-4305) at City Hall weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. the filing deadline is Wednesday, July 29 at 4 p.m. Details on the commission and the vacancies: Beth Barke, 215-4382.

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## Albany eyes artistic waterfront statement

**By James Carter**  
At the foot of the Albany Waterfront portion of the Bay Trail just north of Golden Gate Fields there is a mound that overlooks the San Francisco Bay. It is little more than a knoll of dirt right now with a scattering of lupine, poppies and weeds. But beginning in September of this year, local artist Carlo Ferretti hopes to transform the mound into a sculpture called "The Cove" — a place where people can relax,

breathe in the mist from the Bay, watch the waves and the sky and "feel at home."

The city recently awarded Ferretti a contract to build "The Cove" as part of a waterfront art project. Director of Community Development & Environmental Resources Bill Ekern has described Ferretti's design as "the first of its kind" in Albany. The Cove will be one of two projects decorating the trail, the other a large sculpture of sea birds designed by Mark Canepa.

Ferretti, whose paintings have been exhibited at the Albany Community Center, said his idea is to construct a place that will "remind people of childhood days spent at the beach" building sand castles and moats while gulls floated in the breeze above them. The artist plans to build "The Cove" out of materials "that have been rejected" — rocks and stones and fragments of concrete.

Ferretti won't have to go far to

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Letters to the Editor

Don't wait for someone else to do it

Editor:  
A few years ago I moved from Albany to a house in Berkeley that overlooked a small park. Soon after I noticed that the park garbage cans were being tagged. It annoyed me but it didn't occur to me that I could do anything until I learned about the Graffiti Busters in Albany. With some steel wool and matching paint I waged war, sometimes needing to paint the cans several times a week. Within a month, the cans were "clean" and have remained so since.  
On my way home last year, I saw a woman cleaning and painting a metal guardrail in the street. I learned that she too had decided to take action on the tagging that she noticed on the rails near her house. I applauded the Graffiti Busters and urge all of us to learn from them. Let's share the responsibility for our neighborhoods by adopting a small area around us and wagging war on the tags. We don't need to wait for someone else to do it.

Marlene Keret  
Berkeley

Little outcome from public input

Editor:  
"Dismal" is the most accurate word to describe the design for renovating El Cerrito Plaza unveiled by

its owners at last week's City Council meeting. After all the effort El Cerrito residents have put into coming up with an alternative vision for the Plaza, it's hard to believe we've been presented with yet another series of big-box buildings in a sea of parking.

Where is the pedestrian-friendly design and sense of place that would encourage residents to gather at the Plaza? Where is the "strong relationship between the creek and the Plaza" our council insisted on in 1996's Resolution No. 96-103? Where is the improvement of "the creek as an amenity of the Plaza" the council urged in that same resolution? And where is the use of "our creek corridors as natural transportation routes, with pedestrian and bicycle paths along creekside greenways ... to connect neighborhoods and commercial districts," agreed to by the cities of El Cerrito, Albany, Richmond, and Berkeley in their 1995 Joint Watershed Goals Statement?

No one who saw the breathtaking sketches for the Plaza drawn up by the Prince of Wales's Institute could fail to place Cerrito Creek at the center of a new design for the Plaza. The creek is a valuable cul-

tural, social, and historical resource. But instead of a charming integration of the creek into an innovative mixed-use development, the new design for the Plaza ignores the creek, facing it with blank store walls and a massive parking lot that will encourage littering and crime.

The 385 members of the Friends of Baxter Creek face the same sort of short-sighted development by the same developers on the north side of town. Instead of integrating Baxter Creek into its design for an expanded Lucky Market at MacDonald and San Pablo, American Stores Properties is insisting on building a huge store right on top of the creek.

Fortunately, we all have another choice: Gary Mason of Berkeley's Wolfe Mason Associates has agreed to draw up an alternative design for the Friends of Baxter Creek that will integrate the creek into an innovative plan for an expanded market. During our discussions with Mason, we learned that this world-renowned landscape architect and creek-restoration expert has already

drafted a concept plan for a restored Cerrito Creek at the Plaza, which the city commissioned him to create last year. Considering his vast expertise in integrating creeks into developments, Mason's plan should clearly be used as the starting point for any discussion of Plaza renovation.

Our experience on the north side of town has shown that, left to their own devices, developers always come up with the same outmoded designs that lead to an area's deterioration. The owners of Lucky clearly don't understand that innovation costs more initially but pays off handsomely in higher profits later. If San Luis Obispo can turn its moribund downtown into a thriving retail community by redesigning the area around a creek, why can't El Cerrito?

We urge the City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Design Review Board, Redevelopment Advisory Committee, Sustainable El Cerrito, and other interested groups to insist on integration of a restored Cerrito Creek into the design of a truly renovated, rather than merely rebuilt, Plaza.

Maryann Aberg  
El Cerrito  
Lisa Owens-Viani  
Richmond  
Co-Founders, Friends of  
Baxter Creek

The proof is in the crossing

Editor:  
Mr. Dade's letter (Journal, July 9) suggests that engineers on the government payroll can do a better job of creating a replacement Bay Bridge than can private enterprise.

Consider: The Golden Gate Bridge was designed by Joseph Strauss, an independent engineer not beholden to the internal politics and cronyism of Sacramento. The Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is the creation of a group of State of California engineers who should desperately hope to remain anonymous.

Your choice.

Jack Hogg  
Albany

sign, "Danger — Spider At Work," and positioned it beside my bed. This morning I read my sign, and confidently grabbed my flashlight. I ducked at step 10 and got my eyebrows entangled with his latest creation. It was spun six inches lower just to aggravate me.

Later this morning at the supermarket checkout counter the clerk gave me the usual "Have a nice day," routine. Too late, already. One of God's smallest creatures had already taken care of my day well before dawn.

Ted Bastin has been a member of the Albany Adult School memoir writing class for several years and gives credit to his instructors, Carla Harkness and Debra Ratner.

Who is Sustainable El Cerrito?

Editor's note: Last week *The Journal* printed a copy of a letter to Lucky Stores dated June 22, under the letterhead of Sustainable El Cerrito. A letter from El Cerrito Bob Winslow about Sustainable El Cerrito's proposal appears below, followed by the group's response.

What are Sustainable El Cerrito's qualifications?

Dear Ms. Dair:  
I received a copy of your letter to Lucky Stores dated June 22, under the letterhead of Sustainable El Cerrito.

My first question is: Who is Sustainable El Cerrito? Who are your members? Why do you continue to tell the public that you have the backing of the residents of El Cerrito?

Your plan for the renovation of the El Cerrito Plaza, as laid out in your letter, is so poorly organized that I cannot believe that you would submit such a plan. Whose idea was this plan? What are his/her credentials? Does she/he know what forces drive the market and what the economic implications of such a plan are? Does she/he know anything about the aesthetics of this plan? What makes you or whoever Sustainable El Cerrito is believe that they know how best to develop the El Cerrito Plaza?

I attended a workshop that was reportedly sponsored by Sustainable El Cerrito entitled, "Vision Festival - Update of the General Plan." This workshop had a few citizens moving about with handfuls of red stars to put on the items that they wanted. I watched as one man put about 40 stars on one item that he liked. Why wasn't this workshop organized to give some honest feedback from the community?

It has become clear to me that a department store at the El Cerrito Plaza will cost the citizens of this community money - most probably

in the form of a bond issue. The citizens need to know the economics of this store and must approve a bond measure prior to the store coming to fruition. The money that a department store brings in will be less than some other uses of the property. These choices also need to be explored. If we had a Walmart here as was intended by the owners, there would already be a renovated Plaza with over \$1 million in the General Fund. The proposed Lucky superstore will also not generate any significant sales tax revenues as there is no tax on grocery items.

At this point we need stores that will bring in sales revenue. We need businesses that can survive at the Plaza and we need to have something done soon so that the current Plaza merchants will be able to survive.

Enough time has been used in delaying this project. We need to let the property owners — whose job it is to understand this market and to maximize profit, develop this project. Sustainable El Cerrito is just a very few people that want to have things their way. There are many other groups of citizens in El Cerrito that would also like to have their way. It is time for Sustainable El Cerrito to pick another project in which to become involved. The El Cerrito Plaza is not a viable project for you. The City of El Cerrito, the citizens of El Cerrito and the merchants of the El Cerrito Plaza cannot afford your plan.

Bob Winslow  
El Cerrito

Sustainable El Cerrito responds

Sustainable El Cerrito is a five-year-old community group working to improve the economic, social, and environmental quality of life in our corner of the world. Because we believe in sustainable development, we are especially interested in land use, urban design, transportation, and economic renewal issues. We are fortunate to have members and friends with a good deal of professional expertise in these areas. Many of us also promote the use of sustainable building materials and energy

practices. Other interests include school quality, public safety and emergency preparedness, volunteerism, parks and open space, creek restoration, native plants, public art, community gardens, and wildlife protection. Regardless of our individual pursuits, most of us share a common interest in creating a greater sense of place and strengthening our community.

Sustainable El Cerrito provides a forum for exchanging ideas. We hold monthly general meetings and sponsor special educational events, all open to the public. For example, we co-sponsored with the Chamber of Commerce and others the Prince of Wales's Summer School project last year. This year, again with the Chamber as a co-sponsor, we organized the city's Earth Day activities — a responsibility we've agreed to assume from now on.

Sustainable El Cerrito became a membership organization last fall. Our current paid-member roster numbers over 50, and includes elected officials, appointees, business people, planning and design professionals, and other dedicated community members who live, work, play, dine, shop (or hope to shop) in El Cerrito. Hundreds of other folks have participated in our walking tours, attended our meetings and special programs, subscribed to our e-mail discussion list, or requested to be on our postal mailing list.

As individuals, some group members participate in city-sponsored planning events, such as the Vision Festival that Mr. Winslow mentioned. However, Sustainable El Cerrito had no role in organizing that event. We also saw one man use more than his share of red dots, to express strong disapproval for housing at the Plaza. But surely such incidents are few, and don't invalidate the entire effort. Presumably, the wall displays were designed to capture a very general sense of the participants' broad areas of interest. El Cerritans have many opportunities to have input into the General Plan Update — through questionnaires, community-wide workshops, neighborhood workshops, do-it-yourself kits, e-

mail, letters, phone calls, faxes, you name it. City staff and consultants have a wealth of material accumulated over the last several years from other public planning meetings (e.g., Plaza, Del Norte, Prince of Wales) and city surveys from which to draw to make sure they include everyone's opinions. A few red dots won't skew the results, one way or another.

As individuals, and as a group, we have participated in the public planning process for the El Cerrito Plaza revitalization since it began. The Plaza is of major importance to El Cerrito, and we believe all citizens have a right to input into the redevelopment and planning process. We share Mr. Winslow's concern about the high cost of a department store, and encourage analysis of alternative uses of the property. We are likewise troubled by the losses suffered by Plaza merchants, and hope to see the situation turn around soon. Although most of us would probably not agree with Mr. Winslow's desire to bring Walmart to the Plaza, we respect his right to share his views about the Plaza with the owners and the public.

A recent *West County Times* editorial cautions us that "Forty-year-old retail dynamics don't work today." Like the Times, we believe that a little "21st century, urban development flair and daring may hold the best promise for lifting El Cerrito Plaza out of the doldrums it has languished in far too long."

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Guest column

Mapping El Cerrito's economic

By Mark Friedman  
Redevelopment Agency Chair

This coming Tuesday, July 20 at 7:30 pm, there will be a community workshop on economic development jointly sponsored by the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency, and the City of El Cerrito. The workshop will be at 220 El Cerrito Plaza in the former Great Western Bank office.

The community workshop was planned by the joint Chamber/City committee that has been meeting for several months. Recently a great deal of progress has been made on working together towards our common goals of stimulating and expanding business opportunities in El Cerrito.

Among the topics I hope to explore at the workshop are how we can better position our city to share in the general Bay Area economic boom. There are many functions of an economic development department of a city or county government that El Cerrito lacks, partly due to our almost total reliance on the redevelopment agency. As Redevelopment has become a lightning rod for controversy within the city, the timing may be right to shift our focus to a broader emphasis on economic development as a whole.

The potential consequences of such a shift could include either adding additional staff (finances permitting) or changing the priorities of existing staff. The formation of a new economic development advisory committee and joining regional bodies such as the Economic Development Alliance for Business are other possibilities. Among the tasks undertaken by an economic development department that we could emphasize more are the following:

**Business Retention:** Working with existing businesses to make them feel wanted and help them when they face difficulties. Practical assistance may include help with financing, facade improvement, technical assistance, job training, and assistance with permit and regulatory issues.

**Business Attraction:** To a large extent, our business attraction program has been almost exclusively related to redevelopment and is reactive. Possible proactive tasks include developing a comprehensive marketing program to market El Cerrito to potential businesses including office and retail operations, assistance with financing, tax incentives, and sectoral positioning.

**Liaison with Business Community:** Working with the Chamber of Commerce and other business organizations as well as individual businesses.

**Strategic Economic Planning:** Planning for economic development needs and opportunities for the city. This could include analyzing sectors of the economy and preparing for expansion and contraction of various sectors.

**Sustainable Development:** El Cerrito citizens are interested in sustainable development. Improving our local economy by emphasizing public transportation, energy conservation, recycling, pedestrian and bicycle access, and a healthy environment. We could be proactive in implementing the plans generated by the Wales Institute and other urban design elements.

**Business Financing:** Helping link businesses with sources of capital including such things as revolving loan programs, development bonds, local administration loans, tax incentives, and deferral programs.

**Job Training:** Linking public and non-profit job training programs including the Private Industry Council, the Employment Panel, EDD, West Contra Costa Unified School District, and the Costa Community College.

**Public-Private Partnerships:** Many communities have various public private partnerships to stimulate economic development and undertake specific projects.

If El Cerrito decides to shift its focus along the suggested here, the city will decide where the resources come from to make the possibility is using some of the that will be repaid to the city by the redevelopment agency as a recent bond refinancing.

To assist the city in developing a broader economic development agenda the creation of an economic development committee. Among desirable skills of the would be experience in dealing with business with an emphasis on small businesses, banking, finance, economics, environment, job training, education, and employment.

El Cerrito is a wonderful place to live with many attractive features. potential businesses. We have a base, a terrific location with excellent public transportation BART and AC Transit, parks and recreational opportunities, easy freeway access, an area and responsive city government, a community committed to making our city a better place. We have many opportunities to expand our retail and office space El Cerrito, but realizing that we will require changing some of the ways we have done things to invite all citizens to join us at night and give your input into El Cerrito's economic future.

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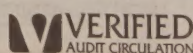
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## Cross country cyclist weathers ride

Dobson Scarborough, an Albany resident, has completed more than 100 miles of the GTE Big Ride — a cross country bicycle trip from Seattle to Washington, D.C.

A former smoker, Scarborough is pedaling to the nation's capital to raise money for The American Lung Association. When he called The Journal on a special phone provided by sponsors, he had spent two nights before he sat in camp, thunderclouds gathered all around him. Without warning, the clouds began to boil and lightning bolts cracked the sky in the distance. "I've never seen that before," Scarborough said. But those from the Mid West had and warned him he was witnessing the birth of a tornado.

Asked what he should do if a tornado struck, he said bikers from

the Mid West pointed at a low lying ditch nearby and said "you go jump in over there."

Fortunately, no tornado struck. Needless to say, Scarborough was relieved. "Going in a tent and closing the door doesn't offer much protection," against such acts of nature, he said.

Scarborough, who recently crossed the Missouri River, said "from here all the way to Wisconsin," the cyclists will be following Route 14 which slices through flat farm country "as straight as an arrow." He also said it was hot — so hot that when he called in the late evening, it was still 85 degrees.

So far the Big Ride has raised \$6.1 million for AMA. Scarborough urged those who want to make a contribution to call (800) 483-4252 and make a pledge.

## Council reaffirms citizens team General Plan role

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The residents appointed to oversee revisions to the basic blueprint that guides the course of the city received a strong vote of confidence from the City Council last week.

Council members voted unanimously to "reaffirm" that the General Plan Process Team is "responsible for the quality of the entire process — not just community outreach" in efforts to update El Cerrito's aging General Plan.

There had been some question and concern that the General Plan consultant, Moore Iacofano Goldsman Inc., was not used to such an involved Process Team partner and didn't take the team's role as seriously as it should. The main item the team wanted the council to clarify was whether or not the Process Team is to oversee the entire General Plan update effort or only its public involvement aspect. The city's new General Plan, required by state law, will guide El Cerrito for the next 15 to 20 years and addresses transportation, housing, business, public safety and other quality of life concerns.

Councilmember and Process Team member Norman La Force explained that the Process Team was not trying to take over the function of the city's planning commission, but wanted clarification about its role dealing with the "community input process."

But Process Team member Kathleen Perka spoke up after La Force with a different emphasis. She told the council that the team should oversee and monitor the entire effort, not simply public involvement.

Perka said the council-appointed team members didn't want to be simple "cheerleaders" or "party coordinators" without any real oversight authority. "That's not what we had signed on to be," she said.

Process Team Chair Clark Sanford was also at the meeting, and although he didn't officially address the council, he indicated that the others had stated the team's concerns correctly. Thom Stark, who has been speaking to this issue at recent Process Team meetings, told the council that the team's actual charge is to monitor the entire General Plan update process including work done by the professional

consulting team.

Councilmember Larry Damon, who has spoken critically of MIG's update plan at past council sessions, said that confusion about the Process Team's charge reflects poor planning and work on MIG's part. "This issue that we're dealing with here now is clear evidence that MIG has not put together a comprehensive work plan," Damon contended.

The council seemed to agree with Councilmember Mark Friedman who, using the language of MIG's own process team description, said the team should indeed act as "champions" and "watchdogs" for the update effort, adding that the Process Team is responsible for the quality of the entire process. He later noted that the Process Team was MIG's proposal in the first place and added: "I think it's gotten out of hand from their point of view, from what they (MIG) expected it to do, frankly." He said he would not look kindly on any MIG request for more money to pay for extra meetings with the Process Team.

Mayor Jane Bartke reminded others that the Process Team is not responsible for "policy development" nor for content of the Gen-

eral Plan itself.

The Process Team guidelines for participation state that policy development and General Plan content is the responsibility of the technical consulting team, (MIG), "working with the community at large."

The city's Spring/Summer Brochure states: "Providing oversight of the whole effort will be a 'Process Team' composed of citizens appointed by the City Council to monitor the process." The brochure says the team is to "provide oversight" and "monitor" the process while the participation guidelines say the team is to "serve as 'champions' for the quality of the process." As Chairperson Sanford noted at a Process Team meeting last month, being "champions" is not the same thing as proving oversight. These somewhat differing descriptions of the Process Team's charge seem to be the crux of the matter and the cause for misunderstanding.

After the vote, Bartke said the council reaffirmation might clear up misunderstandings anyone has about the role of the Process Team in the General Plan update effort.

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## Funding gap more detrimental to EC streets than winter storms

By J. R. Deaton

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El Cerrito spends about \$50,000 a year to maintain sidewalks, curbs and gutters—most of the money coming from gas tax funds. Street sweeping has cost about \$35,000 a year, but in the upcoming year more streets will be cleaned as part of the federal clean water act and costs are expected to rise to around \$80,000.

Struve also has a "pavement management system" in place to keep the city's 67 miles of roadway intact and as free of potholes as possible. Struve has described this street maintenance strategy as "systematic" and "organized." The old method of fixing pavement according to a visual "windshield survey" doesn't cut it in today's lean budget times. "If you wait until the signs are obvious, the treatment is costly," Struve explained.

Today's methods include close inspections of every street in El Cerrito and computer software programs. Data such as street age, signs of cracking and weathering are fed into the computer, which helps Struve make maintenance decisions and decide which conditions get repaired when. He emphasized that the key to inexpensive maintenance is roadway treatment and repair before the problem is obvious.

Siting a study by a national public works expert, Struve explained that if a street is maintained properly during the first 75 percent of its useful period (about 18 years), the cost of repair is only a fraction of what it would be to repair it later on. It's most costly to repair streets during the last few years of their use, and when they haven't been properly maintained earlier on, the costs skyrocket. When streets are maintained throughout their opera-

### Ms. California Senior finalist

EL CERRITO — Longtime resident Alexandra Doren is one of five regional finalists advancing to the statewide Ms. Senior America of California pageant to be held in Whittier on July 26. Doren advanced from the regional pageant held in Walnut Creek, where she sang the song "Midnight."

tive period, there is, in public works lingo, a "favorable benefit to cost ratio." Struve said that when streets look okay, people assume all is well and budget funds are "shifted away" from street maintenance. But, he added, inadequate maintenance early on leads to costly repairs and resurfacing later on.

Although the 200 percent of normal rainfall this year hasn't done in the city's streets, it hasn't helped. And that, coupled with years of deferred maintenance and lean budgets, has led to some pavement problems in the city of homes. According to Struve, El Cerrito's street system is "at the point where the curve is moving rapidly downward in the latter years of pavement life." The streets are getting old and expensive to maintain and repair. The city street system, Struve said, needs "costly treatments," and would need a "fairly large investment" to raise the whole system to a level where it could then be continuously maintained using relatively inexpensive

maintenance treatments.

The city currently spends about \$240,000 a year on its pavement resurfacing program. If it were to increase funding by \$200,000 a year for five years, the overall street condition would begin to improve and an increase of \$400,000 per year would allow a greater percentage of the budget to go toward more cost effective preventive maintenance.

Struve estimates it would take an increase of \$650,000, (bringing the total to \$890,000), per year for five years to eliminate deferred work, focus on preventive maintenance and put the general street condition in the "good to excellent" category. But the good news is that after the five year "catch-up reinvestment cycle," the streets could be maintained in this "good to excellent" condition for a relatively inexpensive cost of \$250,000 annually.

The cost to get the streets to this point is estimated to be about \$65 per year per El Cerrito household for five years.



Robert Yeaman, George Forselius, Michael Schakow, an unidentified scout, and Forest Frasier at the celebration of 25 years' service.

## Albany's Troop 14 turns 25

Troop 14 celebrated 25 years of continuous service to the community at its June 8th Court of Honors. In attendance were former parent and activist scout leader Bea, Chris, and Frank Bessette, Walt Covello, Eldon Wolf, and Jewel Okawachi. Forest Frasier, Scout Leader, inducted two new boys to join the ranks of 40 — one other scouts, encouraging them to "climb the ladder toward Eagle."

Originally started by two troops from Troop 19, Bill Gilreath and Ed Jensen, the troop is a boy - led troop with a lot of parental involvement. The troop actively assists with crab feeds, pancake

breakfasts beach cleanups, Memorial Day flag planting, and city flyer distributions. Troop 14 was also known for its annual Christmas tree pickup service. Their main fund-raiser is Holiday wreath sales.

The troop has a long tradition of monthly camping trips, annual summer Camp Wolfboro (near Arnold), and 30- and 50-mile high adventure hikes.

No previous scouting experience is required to join. The troop meets every Monday at the Albany Veterans Memorial Building from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Details: Forest Frasier, 794-7836.

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## El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinernick

### Businesses to have say on city's future

Members of the local business community will get a chance to have their say about this city's future at a special workshop hosted by the El Cerrito Chamber on Wednesday, July 29 at 5:30 p.m.

The session in the Council chambers at 7007 Moeser Lane is one of a series of neighborhood workshops set this month to get citizen input in preparation for the updating of the city's General Plan.

An urgent call for as many business people as possible to participate in the July 29 workshop was issued this week by Sil Addiego, the Chamber's representative on the citizen "Process Team" appointed by the City Council to monitor the work of updating the General Plan.

"The work on revising the city's General Plan," Addiego said, "will produce a set of policies that will determine what will be happening here over the next 20 years. It's very important that the business community play a strong role in the formation of these policies."

"It's vital that business let the consultants hired by the city to update the General Plan know how we feel about the many planning issues the directly affect our economic future—matters such as Plaza revitalization, development along San Pablo Avenue, dealing with traffic problems, and housing policies."

"We cannot afford to leave it to someone else to protect the interests of El Cerrito business," he said.

#### Chamber mixer tonight

Members of the El Cerrito Chamber and their guests will gather tonight to both socialize and simultaneously help promote Mayor Jane Bartke's reading program.

Hosting this month's Chamber Mixer (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) is the House of Carpets, at 11835 San Pablo Ave.

Featured will be a special benefit shuffleboard tournament. Sections of the board will be marked with dollar amounts. Contestants who land on these spots will win that amount of money—which will then be donated to Bartke to help finance a special reading program she conducts.

Call for big turnout

Chamber President Bill Kerber urges local business people to "turn out in record numbers" Monday to consider the creation of an economic development program here.

The special July 20 joint Chamber/City Council study meeting, is at 7:30 p.m. in the former Great Western Bank location at 220 El Cerrito Plaza (next to Great American Dry Cleaners).

Kerber also asked all members of the Chamber's Board of Directors to participate in this study session.

The need for an economic development program here and the naming of an Economic Development Advisory Committee has been stressed for months by both the Chamber directors and by Redevelopment Agency Chairman Mark Friedman and Agency Vice Chairman Larry Damon.

Monday's joint study session grew out of the current series of Chamber/Council meetings on improving communications between the two groups.

Expected to be on hand Monday to consider the establishment of an economic development program in El Cerrito will be representatives of the Contra Costa County Economic Partnership and an economic development specialist from Alameda County as well as members of the City Council, city



staffers, and members of the Chamber and general public.

#### Fiesta planning underway

Two local firms this week became the first to sign up as co-sponsors as work began on organizing the El Cerrito Chamber's third annual October Fiesta.

Agreeing to join the Chamber in sponsoring this year's event—which will be held Saturday, October 24 in the mall area of El Cerrito Plaza are PetVet/PetFood

and Mail Boxes Etc.

Larry Seidell Chevron, this week became the first firm to sign up as a financial backer of the celebration.

The event, which will be held in conjunction with the Chamber's City-Wide Fall Round-Up Sale Days, is expected to attract a record number of exhibitors this year.

People interested in becoming a co-sponsor, financial backer or exhibitors who have not yet received an application should immediately contact the Chamber at 233-7040.

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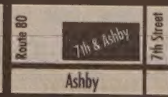
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# The hard lesson at ABC 7: Don't mess with the Mouse

Oh Oh: There are lots of changes at KGO-TV — make that KGO-TV — these days as the station's general manager Joe Giddings makes his presence felt in his new month here. And plenty of changes (Abern made his name by being an ABC-owned station's first anchor changes were announced this week, with the biggest, of course, being that number one anchor Pete Giddings is leaving after 29 years at the station. But

not until the end of this year. Giddings has been on thin ice with Ahern since the new KGO boss arrived here a few weeks back. You may have noticed that Giddings has been showing five-day forecasts of late, something he's refused to do for years even though all the other local TV stations do them. He once told me they're "unscientific," although KCBS' first-rate meteorologist Mike Pechner says, "That's nonsense. Long-range forecasting has become much better the past few years." My sources tell me Ahern ordered

Giddings, who, I'm told, had to be coaxed into doing three-day outlooks, to run the five-day forecasts. Another source said Giddings made a dismissive comment on the air the other day about the new Disney-mandated "ABC 7" station I.D. These days you'd better be a team player to work for Disney, and that hasn't been Giddings' long suit. I could fill several columns with stories Giddings' co-workers have told me about run-ins with the headstrong 29-year KGO vet, the Bay Area's longest-tenured TV anchor. ABC will presumably pay off the 18 months left on Giddings' contract, giving him a chunk of cash.

It was interesting watching Giddings this week as rumors circulated of his impending professional demise. One Giddings 5:00 weathercast this week was the shortest I can recall, and there were no jibes at deskmate Dr. Dean Edell. When I called the kinder, gentler Giddings Tuesday about the firing rumors, he snapped, "call my attorney if you want any information." Giddings had issued orders to other KGO weathercasters to do the same with any inquiries. (My call was not returned at this writing.)

Ahern made other anchor changes this week at the station in transition. Capable weekend anchor Jennifer

Moss is leaving, returning to her husband in Michigan — voluntarily. "This last year has been terribly hard on Jennifer, trying to raise a baby as a single mother and work here," says a KGO pal. "Her husband works in Michigan, so that why she's going back there." Moss, Ahern has announced, will be replaced beginning July 27 by Jessica Aguirre, currently an anchor at KABC-TV in L.A.

Kristen Sze, who currently works at tabloid show "Extra," is being brought in by Ahern to co-anchor KGO's Sunday morning newscast with Carolyn Johnson beginning July 27.

And Channel 7 morning co-anchor Debra Villalon is being replaced by Beth Spicuzza, whom Ahern is bringing in from his last station, WLS-TV in Chicago. Spicuzza will also anchor the 11:30 a.m. If you hate KGO's new news set, by the way, it's almost identical to WLS's.

Says one KGO source, "Joe is a dynamic guy. He reminds me a bit of Kevin O'Brien over at KTVU. He drives a flashy car and wears expensive suits. He's worked for Disney, and they like him. He's been given a mandate to whip this news department into shape. He's been here two months and we still haven't had a newsroom meeting with him. But if you were going to slash and burn,



Bill Mann

would YOU want to call a meeting?"

And KGO's news department could use a major shake-up in the wake of news director Milt Weiss' departure. Among the rumors flying around is that annoying Weiss appointee Terilyn Joe may be next on Ahern's hit list. Says one KGO source, "I hear Joe's been given the go-ahead to pay off a lot of these expensive anchor contracts."

So, when lame-duck Giddings leaves in a few months, clever and much more personable "Good Morning America" weatherman Spencer Christian and a reported \$1 million contract will come to Channel 7. "CMA" is in big ratings trouble, and one keeps hearing the show may be blown up and re-made. Christian, who's been on the show over a decade, reportedly knew he was on the way out. Ironically, the other finalist for the "GMA" job Christian got was then-KRON weatherman Mark Thompson. Another Ahern rumor making the rounds: Ineffective KGO sports anchor Martin Wyatt may lose his top spot to Mike Shuman.

Whatever happens, it seems clear Ahern is through making changes at the troubled station.

What Disney wants Disney usually gets. The station has yanked top-notch financial reporter David Louie from the floor of the Pacific Stock Exchange and this week made him schlep out to Pleasanton at 5:30 a.m. to plug upcoming Disney flick "A Bug's Life." Don't mess with the Mouse. And Tuesday evening, ABC 7 anchor Dan Ashley was plugging a new Disney video of old Mickey Mouse cartoons. Yes, on a newscast.

## In Brief

### Environmental hazard review

MARTINEZ — The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors has appointed an ad hoc committee to review a recent report submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the San Francisco-based, Environmental Working Group. The report identified eight Contra Costa County schools in proximity to major industrial sites.

Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema and Supervisor Jim Rogers were designated as members of the ad hoc committee. The responsible agencies identified to evaluate the concerns brought up in the report are: The Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Hazardous Materials Commission, State Department of Public Health and Public Environmental Health Advisory Board. They will be working under the supervision of the Contra Costa County Public Health Department.

A public hearing will be held in September.

### AC Transit election

The filing period opens Monday (July 13) for seats on AC of Directors which will be on the ballot in the Nov. 3, general election.

On this year's ballot are five seats on the seven-member bus system board, including the District's two at-large seats.

Both seats represent the entire district, which consists of the 13 cities (plus adjacent unincorporated areas—but not including Union City) from Richmond and San Pablo in the north to Fremont and Newark in the south.

The filing period is open through 5 p.m. Friday on Aug. 7. Alameda County residents may obtain filing papers for all from the County Registrar of Voters, 1225 Fallon St., Oakland (details: 272-6973). Contra Costa residents may obtain filing papers from that county's Elections Department, 524 Main St. in Martinez (telephone: 925-646-4166).

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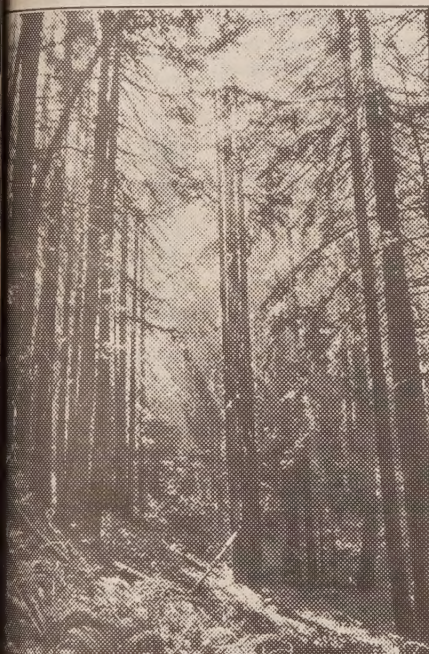
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Come celebrate the magnificent majesty of our coastal redwoods, the iridescent rainbow trout in Redwood Creek, and the diverse human heritage of California's Bay Area. All are part of the rich natural and cultural history of Redwood Regional Park.

Bring a picnic, or purchase beverages, ice cream and other snacks which will be available for purchase at the park. A small fee will be charged for the "Live Wild Cats" program.

To reach the Redwood Forest Festival from the north, take Highway 580 south to the 35th Avenue exit. Go east on 35th Ave., which becomes Redwood Road as it crosses Highway 13. Continue east on Redwood Road for two miles to the park entrance on the left.

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The day will feature:

- A traditional Native American Indian Four Directions Prayer opening ceremony
- California folk music by Oakland's own Calicanto performers
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## Artistic

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find such materials. Just 100 yards from where The Cove will be built is a landfill area that juts out into the Bay called "the bulb."

Once a dumpyard, the bulb is surrounded — in fact, practically built of such materials, bricks and concrete walls strewn around the periphery of that area like the ruins of a nuclear war. It will take a tremendous amount of work to transport such materials from the bulb and construct them into a sculpture that will stand like a small coliseum at the foot of the Bay.

Part of Ferretti's concept is to "reuse that stuff that has been tossed aside." Though the sculpture is a departure from his usual work, which includes pastels, charcoal and paintings, there is a link be-

tween the design of The Cove and his other art.

Born in Rome, Italy, Ferretti is fascinated by the connection between people and the natural world. As a child, he spent summers in a village located in mountains just north of Rome, where he learned to love the outdoors. All of Ferretti's work revolves around natural objects — things like animals, the earth, people and pastures.

At the foot of the Albany Waterfront Trail, Ferretti took a look at all the things that exist there — pebbles and stones, driftwood and sand. He also saw other objects that were not at all natural and seemed out of place: There were heaps of concrete bound together by twisting iron rods, and walls of bricks shoved aside by men with powerful machines. A licensed architect, Ferretti saw a connection between all of those things and the idea for

The Cove seemed the perfect way to combine such objects and make sense of them.

It is Albany's intention to develop the waterfront area into a park where families can take their children, go for walks and enjoy the natural wonders of the bay — wonders that, up until now, have been little more than a backdrop for the parking lot at Golden Gate Fields.

Perhaps it is his Roman background that gave Ferretti the inspiration to build a cove on a mound overlooking the Bay. The design is a simple one — essentially it will resemble a small volcano with a bowl carved in the middle, concentric rows of stone set in mortar providing seating and protection from the wind as well as a vista of the beach below. At the mouth of the sculpture will be a wide opening that will lead to its center — something like the field of the Coliseum

where gladiators fought to the death in ancient times.

Yet Ferretti's sculpture is meant to be a place of sanctuary where people will "feel safe." And to accomplish his vision, 6600 cubic yards of dirt will have to be excavated and re-formed into a giant bowl.

Ferretti is currently seeking volunteers to help with the work. "I hope there will be people who can help collect stones and broken pieces of concrete from the surrounding area that we will use to build The Cove," he said. The artist is also banking on support from local businesses, hoping they will donate the use of a tractor, a small truck, a water cistern, a gas-propelled concrete mixer and other machinery needed to construct the art project.

"My idea is to help clean up the area around the beach and to reuse

## West County Environmental Justice Festival

"Health and Justice: Where We Live, Work & Play" is the theme of this year's West County Environmental Justice Festival on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Richmond. The festival at the Civic Center Plaza Courtyard and Richmond Public Library Community Room is intended to raise community awareness about the need to reduce and prevent environmental pollution and

environmental health hazards. Lights include interactive films and displays, educational films and videos, multi-media performances, special children's arts and crafts, a raffle. In addition, free lead tests of dishes and pottery will be provided by the Contra Costa Lead Poisoning Prevention Unit. Details: 313-6808.

some of the stuff there to build the sculpture," Ferretti said.

Ferretti is going to Italy for six weeks to visit his father, and the project is not scheduled to break ground until September. Yet he is already busy making preparations for the construction of The Cove. And he is seeking help — lots of help. Those interested in volunteer-

ing to help build the sculpture as well as those who would like to donate the use of machinery or materials, can contact Greg Costanzo, Ferretti's assistant, at 527-0488. Ferretti said "the sculpture will be enjoyed by a long, long time." Costanzo is a Roman, that could mean a sand years — or more.



# Pet Talk

A Special Feature of the Advertising Department



## How Much Should You Feed Your Pet?

By Dr. Sylvia E. Graham,

Last month I talked about the problems of excessive weight and how to recognize this condition in your pet. This month I will discuss the feeding of adult cats and dogs. There are many adequate commercial pet foods. In many grocery stores pet foods account for the second largest selling item, breakfast cereals being the first. I recently visited a pet food store and counted over one hundred varieties of pet food.

Cats can have a strong opin-

ion about what they will and will not eat. Once this pattern develops it can be impossible to alter their diet. To help prevent "addiction" to only specific types of food it is best to provide some variety from time to time. On the other hand, too much variety, too frequently will lead to a fussy, difficult to please eater. This cat trains the owner to offer an endless variety of food, none of which satisfies the cat's taste for very long. Cats are obligate carni-

vores, which means they require high levels of protein in their diet. Unfortunately, protein is the most expensive ingredient in cat foods. The higher the quality and digestibility of the protein the higher the cost. Therefore, avoid cheap diets. However, the most expensive diets are not necessarily the best. Look for well known moderately priced diets. When choosing a dog food consider your pet's age, activity, breed and temperament. Pets with specific health concerns may require specialized diets. Prescription diets are available for pets with gastrointestinal, kidney, cardiac, urinary, nutritional and skin problems. These diets are available through veterinarians only.

How much should you feed your pet? In general, you can feed your pet according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The manufacturer cannot list all the recommendations for every breed under all conditions. Some manufacturers avoid this issue altogether and do not list any feeding recommendations on the product. So what can you do?

Here are some guidelines: The average, relatively active, non pregnant, non-nursing, 8 pound adult cat requires about 30 calories per pound of body weight daily. Or around 240 calories per day. Cat foods vary in the amount of calories they contain. Here are some general rules: Dry cat foods contain

approximately 300 calories per cup. Canned cat foods contain approximately 200 calories per 6 1/2 ounce can. Therefore, an 8 pound cat with no special needs requires 240 ÷ 300 calories. This works out to 3/4 cup of dry food daily, or 1 1/2 can of food a day.

For dogs the formulas are more complex. The larger the dog the fewer the calories per pound are required. Also remember that dogs that live outdoors or in cold climates burn more calories per pound than the dog that sleeps on the bed with the owner.

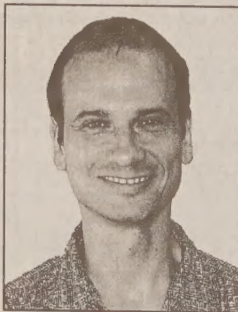
Here are some guidelines: Dogs weighing 6-10 pounds require 45 calories per pound;

15 - 45 pound dogs need 30 calories per pound; 50 - 75 pound dogs require 27 calories per pound; and dogs 75 pounds and up 23 calories per pound. Dog foods vary in calorie content. Dry dog food contains about 1500 calories per cup and canned foods contain 500 calories per pound.

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## Pet Dental Talk

By Dr. Steven Kornfeld

Did you know that up to 85% of all dogs and cats over 3 years old have some degree of dental disease? Almost 50% of them have the more severe form of dental disease, called Periodontitis. This is a mostly irreversible condition that affects the tooth socket and the soft tissue that holds the tooth in place. Periodontitis is a cyclical condition with active

and inactive states, but the ultimate results are various degrees of bone recession that eventually leads to tooth loss. In the process, the organisms involved, mainly bacteria, can penetrate the blood stream and spread to distant organs, including heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. This can cause secondary chronic organ failure. It is thought that what

dog and cat owners describe as "a pet getting less active and old" is often attributed to such conditions stemming from chronic and untreated dental disease. Many times, as soon as the dental condition is properly treated and the secondary, generalized, infections abated, the pet regains its energy it once enjoyed.

The incidence of gum disease varies widely among the different breeds of dogs and cats, mixed breeds having the lower incidence. Among the pure breeds, some dogs and some cats have a much higher tendency for gum disease, approaching a 100% likelihood after 3 years of age. It is thought that in-breeding causes the otherwise recessive genes for dental diseases to have a higher penetration. This increased tendency is also attributed to a selection for certain facial features and not enough emphasis on the relationship between the size of the teeth and the size of the face. Many times small breeds of dogs and some breeds of the oriental cats have teeth too large to fit comfortably in a small head. This creates overcrowding, malocclusion

and reduction of the space between the individual teeth. As a result, food particles tend to collect between the teeth and thus act as a fertile ground for bacterial growth.

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# Aroner includes West County in state school bond measure

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The saga of the state school bond continued this week as the Assembly passed a companion measure by a vote of 69-11 in front of the July 13 deadline. The bond measure for presentation to voters state-wide includes a record \$1 billion dollars for K-12 and higher education. However, the measure questioned the deal and went forward without considering it.

Although the Assembly was able to break through a deadlock which had plagued it for months, the measure's apparent lack of agreement cast a huge shadow over the future.

A state school bond could bring considerable local benefits because as drafted it requires a 50 percent match from local school districts. The passage of West County's Measure E in June could provide this match thereby extending the power of local bond dollars.

One potential hitch to local use of state bond funds was removed by an amendment presented by Assemblywoman Dion Aroner during assembly debate of the issue. According to the state's legislative counsel, our school district would have been prevented from using certain portions of the bond fund because of restrictions stemming from the settlement of the district's bankruptcy earlier this decade.

Aroner's amendment to remove

these restrictions was included as part of the bond measure passed by the Assembly. Bob Blattner of School Services of California, a lobbying organization working on behalf of school districts, said "Through her amendment, Dion got the WCCUSD back in the state school building program. This is a big thing..."

However, in its entirety, the bond measure is not entirely good news for our district. As discussed in last week's column, a key stumbling block in discussions between Assembly Democrats and Republicans was the Republican insistence on changes in developer fees, the charges levied on new development to pay for the costs of new infrastructure like schools.

As passed by the Assembly, the bond contains substantial revisions to the legislation and court decisions governing the way developer fees can be levied. However, members of the Senate raised strong objections to these provisions and the next stop for the bond is likely to be a Senate-Assembly conference committee where debate over developer fee changes will continue.

In a telephone conversation with me earlier this week, State Senator Richard Rainey, whose district includes the Pinole and Hercules portion of the WCCUSD, pledged his support for both the bond measure and the amendment to include the WCCUSD. The 9th Senate District which includes the southern portion of West County (Richmond, El Cer-

rto, San Pablo, and Kensington) is now vacant and a special election is scheduled for September 1 to fill the seat. Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson and Assemblyman Don Perata are candidates for the position.

Monday, July 13 was the secretary of state's deadline for placing the bond on the November 3 ballot. If they come to agreement before Aug. 27, lawmakers can still make that election by presenting the bond as a supplementary ballot pamphlet.

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By Glen Price

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# Pet Talk



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## TALES FROM THE DOG HOUSE...

### 4-Legged Stars In The Movies

Summer has finally arrived with it a string of blockbuster movies. From *Six Days, Seven Nights* to *X-Files* we can expect romance, adventure, and the supernatural. So where do our canine friends fit in this season?

Last summer's smash hit, *Black*, had a cameo appearance by a pug. In the year-winning film *As Good As Dead*, Jill, an adorable Russell Griffon, stole scenes (hearts). This year's hottest canine star will be featured in *Dolittle* with Eddie Murphy.

pick up the pieces.

*Dr. Dolittle* - rated PG-13, is showing now at a theater near you. Stop by and give it a try.

For those in the mood to curl up at home, here are some favorite rentals:

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# ■ Goings On About Town

■ **Submissions to Goings on About Town must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.**

## Children

**City of Berkeley's Youth Adult Project**—Two summer programs for youth, the Rainbow Connection and the Summer Teen Club, are being offered by the City of Berkeley's Young Adult Project.

The Rainbow Connection, for ages five to 11 years, will operate inside the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St., through Aug. 14 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Fees are \$13.00 per week for Berkeley residents and \$60.00 a week for non-residents. An extended care program will be offered from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. for \$65.00 a week.

The Summer Teen Club, for ages 12 to 14 years, will be offered for the same dates and prices. There will be a minimal fee for field trips. Contact the Young Adult Project at (510) 644-6226 for additional information.

**Child Research Project**—UC Berkeley's Child Study Center is looking for families with 4 to 8 year old children to participate in a research project on children's responses to the daily challenges they encounter. Participating families will be compensated \$15 for their time. For more information, contact 643-2522.

**Golden Bear Gymnastics Camps**—Three camps available. All camps can be attended morning only, afternoon only, or all day. Camps are for boys and girls ages 4-18. Morning times are 9 to noon, Afternoon times are 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., and all day times are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. First camp is through July 17, second camp is July 20-24, and third camp is Aug. 17-21. Extended care is available for the afternoon and all day camps from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Golden Bear Recreation Center, Sports Lane #4428, Berkeley, 94720. Call 642-9821.

## Classes

**Vista Community College Summer classes**—Get a head start in College by enrolling in university transfer classes this summer. Registration through July 31. Call 841-8860 , ext. 231 or Ext. 267 for more information, or access the website at www.peralta.cc.ca.us.

**The Albany Pool**—Summer Session has started; a complete schedule is at the pool, 1311 Portland Ave., Albany, 559-6640.

## Community Events

**Berkeley High School Reunion** Classes of January 1958, June 1958, and January 1959 will be holding their 40th year class reunion on Saturday, September 26 at the Holiday Inn in Emeryville. Interested class members should contact Steve Honeychurch (925) 837-9235 or Karen Skeels Vermeys (925) 932-2424.

**Cover to Cover '98**—through Aug. 15 teens read for prizes at the Berkeley Public Library. If you are between 13 and 18, you register at any Berkeley Public Library, details are posted in the Teen Areas at all Berkeley Public Library sites; 644-6100.

## Exhibits

**Sticks Gallery**—Paintings by Chandra Garsson and Bob Stang. Exhibition dates are now through July 16 at 1579B Solano Ave., Berkeley, 826-6603. **Audacity Designs**—Painted furniture by Chandra Garsson; through August at 1747 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

**Berkeley Historical Society 20th Anniversary Exhibit**—through Aug. 26; featuring programs exhibits and publications offered over the 20 years; Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center Street, Berkeley; 848-0181.

**An Exhibit of Historic Materials**—through Sept. 6; never before seen! Stalin's Forgotten Zion: Birobidzhan and the making of a Soviet Jewish Homeland; Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St.; 549-6950.

**The Visible Word**—through July 31; An exhibit of ancient and contemporary Byzantine; Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley.

## Lectures and Workshops

American Research Center in

Egypt—7:30 p.m. July 23; a lecture, "Revelations in Clay: What Predynastic Ceramics Tell Us About Prehistoric Egypt" presented by Dr. Patricia Podzorski, an archaeologist and research associate with the UC Department of Near Eastern Studies. 527-9746.

## Meetings



**So-Happy Days:** When Roy died last week, the A&E series "Biography" ran a one-hour special that included an old clip from the show of Roy reciting "The Ten Commandments of a Cowboy."

The cowboy commandments were actually written by the other surviving cowpoke, Gene Autry, in the 1930s. They're mostly what you would expect. ("1. A cowboy betrays a trust. 2. A cowboy always tells the truth," and so



■ Martin Snapp

Commandment No. 5 is somewhat special: "A cowboy is free of racial and religious prejudice." Pretty progressive, huh? But then, the '30s were a pretty progressive time.

Imagine how startled I was last week when I saw that clip from the show of Roy reciting the list, and Commandment No. 5 had been changed to "A cowboy is free from any racial prejudice."

Wasn't Roy's fault. It's just a matter of the times. It's also an object of nostalgia for the '50s. Take it from me who was there: What with Catholicism, legalized segregation, the Bomb, those good old days were actually pretty awful.

Meanwhile, did you see the big story about the Lake Merritt poet maestro in last Friday's article? The headline read, "For decades, Lester Mahlmann has strung the strings at Fairland."

Only one quibble: His name is not Lester. (As the old news-people say, "It doesn't matter to you, as long as you get the message.")

Don't blame the reporter, Maitland. I can assure you from personal experience: Reporters never write their own headlines. The boo-boo was made by some anonymous editor at my copy desk.

Who would be so low to steal an image of Martin Luther King from a newspaper? Especially on the anniversary of his martyrdom?

That's exactly what happened on April 4th, the 30th anniversary of the assassination. Somebody stole one of the great civil rights leader's portraits from the Our Lady of Lourdes Church on the Shore Blvd.

And miraculously, the icon was found again a week later - floating down in Lake Merritt. It was, appropriately, the day before Easter. Since then, the man who painted the icon - local artist Brian Tsai - has been working overtime to restore it. The restored icon will be unveiled at an Mass on August 2. The pastor, Father Seamus Genovese, must be dancing for joy.

And that's easy for him to do, since his hobby is Irish step-dancing. When he isn't busy ministering to his flock, Father Seamus enters dancing competitions. And more

**Redevelop**

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creases in assessed value within the project area go to the agency.

According to the literature Tierney posted out at her presentation, "This kind of 'tax increment' financing is solely on the creation of value in the redevelopment project area as a means of revenue generation."

Mr. Selph, a 29-year El Cerrito resident, asked about residential property within the agency's project area. There are many private homes close to San Pablo Avenue that are in the development zone and the agency receives their incremental tax payments. If a house in the zone was valued at \$40,000 in 1977 when the agency was formed and now is valued at \$240,000, the property taxes would be the \$200,000 increased value, Tierney said many California cities put large tracts of their land into a redevelopment

**lane**

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between 100 and 200 an hour to the southbound lanes.

The likely change would cut from the current 5 a.m.-7 p.m. to 6 a.m.-10 a.m., and 3 p.m.-7 p.m. in both directions. The lane, stretching from the Bay Bridge toll plaza to the new bridge, opened to traffic Feb. 2.

**Alternative debated**

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## Bikes

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of problem patrol areas such as the Greenway, and also wants to promote the concept of "community policing" among both her officers and the community.

Community policing calls for a partnership of the entire community—residents, business and officers—in taking an active role with each other, communicating, being aware and working to address potential problems before they grow into something more serious.

The police substation at the Plaza is one step in that effort, as is police attendance at community and neighborhood watch meetings. The bicycle patrols are a day-to-day application

## Site

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"preserve and use the area for community purposes, recreation, park and open space." Now a group of residents called "The Committee of Five" wants to see the abandoned school buildings refurbished and used to expand programs such as child care and day camps that currently are operated out of the community services center nearby. Ivan Sturman, a leading member of the committee, contends that the KCSD should "let the voters decide if those structures should be repaired or leveled."

According to KCSD manager and Police Chief James Bray, residents attended town meetings and Saturday workshops for more than a year before deciding on a plan to level all but one of the buildings and create a "grass meadow," also called a turf field. "We had 40 or 50 people (who) attended those meetings," he said. "They put suggestions up on the walls and narrowed them down to what we see today." According to Bray, the overwhelming consensus was to develop open space.

Sturman disagrees. He insists that when voters decided to purchase the land, there was no mention of demolishing the buildings there. What is more, Sturman says the buildings are sorely needed for programs that have "long waiting lists": things like a daycare center, an afterschool program, and a day camp. "They have to have a lottery for children to be admitted (to these programs)," Sturman said. "They (the KCSD) did not consider the uses of the buildings," which he said "could be a source of revenue" for Kensington.

Bray said "There was no mention of buildings in Measure G." He said only \$300,000 to \$400,000 will be available after the development of the park—plans that include building an amphitheater, basketball courts and an open turf field. From that amount, Bray said Kensington will have to pay to put utilities underground, refurbish Building E (the one structure that will remain according

to the current plan) and—this is the sticky point—demolish the remaining buildings.

According to Bray the buildings on the property contain asbestos and lead—hazards that are expensive to remove. Referring to Building E he said "The one structure that we're going to retain for recreational programs might cost as high as \$150,000 to retrofit. If we had to retrofit nine other buildings the cost would be prohibitive."

In a letter to the KCSD, the Committee of Five argues that "the funds for removal of hazardous materials will have to be spent if the buildings are demolished anyway," and so the district should "spend the funds to remove the hazards now." The committee suggests all other buildings should be mothballed "so they can be refurbished as needed for the expansion of the existing programs and as funds accumulate."

According to Sturman, a petition was circulated around Kensington and in "a very short time" close to 100 signatures were gathered supporting the viewpoint of the Committee of Five. In most towns, a petition of 100 residents might not amount to much. Yet in Kensington, that represents about 7 percent of the total votes cast for Measure G. Sturman also said he was "unable to attend many of the meetings" held to discuss the future of the property, though "I sent them many letters—none of them answered."

Sturman said the KCSD has already taken bids for the demolition of buildings and "by the time you publish this, this whole thing might be over."

Bray confirmed that bids have already been accepted for the work and once a bid is accepted, "we hope to begin demolition by July 20." According to Bray, the master plan calls to develop the park in two phases in order to "make it accessible to members of the community" while work is being done.

As of press time, the district had yet to accept a bid.

**The Committee of the Whole** has its own home page—to get to it on your computer go to [www.ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](http://www.ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) then click on the Services for the 21st box.

that those businesses helped by the agency usually had a significant "spike" in assessed value while unassisted businesses tended to rise gradually and not as much over the years. Tierney and Raycraft reminded people that often the agency's involvement is minimal—vacating streets or swapping land for development. Resident Steve Price, who attends many civic meetings, claimed that "most of the jump (in value) is attributable to the activities of the developers themselves," and not agency activities.

ing idea," said Hans Hemann, aide to Assemblymember Dion Aroner. Hemann said the most positive aspect of the plan is extra funding for AC Transit, which cut back bus service to balance cuts in its funding.

While the EDF proposal received a 6-2 endorsement from the Berkeley Transportation Commission, the MTC calls the plan unworkable.

The MTC's Kimsey agrees, but for different reasons. The change to HOT requires authorizing legislation

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extra people on a shift," Mosby said. "The only other option is hiring people to ride on overtime. We go out when we can free up some time during duty. Maybe during a lunch break they'll suit up."

The main emphasis has been the Greenway, which has long been a gap in the department's patrol net because it isn't a regular street and in some areas has the backs of large stores on one side, shielding it from view. A series of robberies on the Greenway brought an increased patrol presence, as well as an unsuccessful decoy effort. The result was robberies stopped during the weeks the patrols were out regularly.

Joint Greenway patrols with Al-

bany bicycle officers are in the works. But patrols haven't been limited to the daytime or the Greenway. Erwin recently rode late at night, checking the doors of San Pablo Avenue businesses.

"When you're in a car you'll shine a spotlight, but you won't open it," he said, adding that to tell if the door is really secure, "you have to rattle it."

On a recent graveyard shift "I rode the bike and was able to personally check on every business on San Pablo Avenue, front door and back," Erwin said, adding that approaching on a bicycle provides "an element of surprise" a squad car doesn't afford.

"It's one of the things I didn't even consider when we formed this thing."

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# Surprised Zeier finds himself an all-star quarterback

By Scott Strain

Albany quarterback Billy Zeier was surprised a couple of months back when he received a letter from Skyline coach John Beam inviting him to be a member of the Alameda County All-Star football team. Zeier accepted the invitation with alacrity.

Zeier's answer was probably along the lines of "Thank you very much for the invitation. I'm very happy to participate. Did you know that my team finished the season 0-8?"

It was a simple case of don't ask, don't tell. "I didn't know his

team was 0-8 until he told me," Beam said.

So, not only is Zeier on the Alameda County team — which will play in the 33rd annual All-Star Classic against Contra Costa, Saturday at 7 p.m. at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, a benefit for United Cerebral Palsy — Zeier will start the game and probably see most of the action. The only other quarterback on the Alameda Stars is Ramin White of McClymonds.

"I didn't envision this at all," Zeier said about his selection and elevation to the starting role. "I fantasized maybe. I would love to do it,

but I never knew it was going to happen."

In the 32 previous editions of this game, no one can recall a quarterback from Albany starting this game. Certainly not one from a team that didn't win a game.

Maybe Zeier had great stats like Paul Hornung did at

Notre Dame in 1956 when he won the Heisman Trophy. The Irish were

awful that season. But no, that wasn't the case here.

"I wouldn't even know (about my stats). They were pretty bad," Zeier said. "They weren't even good enough to follow. We had a real down season."

"As for not telling the coach (about the 0-8 season), I didn't want him to be biased against me. A quarterback is supposed to be a leader and what kind of a leader are you if you don't win a game?"

What it came down to for Beam and the rest of the Alameda staff (mostly Skyline coaches) was a lack of alternatives. Beam wanted a

couple of other quarterbacks in the county — Mike Cooper of Amador Valley, for instance, — but they were not available.

Zeier, at 6-foot-1, 200 pounds got the call.

"He is improving," Beam said about Zeier. "He can throw the ball down the field and he has some touch. We'll see what happens."

Zeier does not see too many problems running the Alameda offense. "It's not too complicated," he said. "Football is football. You know, run right, run left, stuff like that. We have some passing plays but you know coach Beam, he's a running

guy. We'll throw a little bit here and there."

At times Albany had trouble getting enough players to fill out a squad. Now its quarterback will be leading a team of some of the best players in the county in what will be biggest game of his life.

It's a chance to establish a reputation, a chance to open some eyes before he heads off to Laney College.

But he still has trouble figuring out how all this good fortune came about. "I dunno," Zeier said. "I couldn't believe that it happened. Maybe I got touched by an angel."

## Albany Seniors shed rustiness, move on

By Jelani Harper

In last Tuesday's win over Clayton Valley in Pinole, Albany's Senior League manager Bill Marthinson looked to his bench and, not just for substitutes.

"Everyone on our team was paying attention to every play 100 percent, and while I was giving signals they would watch the pitcher and learn the runners," explained Marthinson. "I had one guy who was even charting the pitcher's pitches to see what he would throw next. Everyone on the team had a role to play, regardless of whether they were on the field or not."

With team spirit like that, Albany couldn't help but sail to a 6-1 victory in the second round of the California District 4 International tournament. Thursday Albany travels to Walnut Creek to take on North Oakland.

This was one of my most grati-

fying wins because I've never before seen such total team involvement in every play," remarked Marthinson. "I knew if the guys could play together we would win, and it was incredibly satisfying to see it work."

Albany rallied around a six-hit third inning, in which it pushed across five runs before Clayton managed an out. Ben Goldenberg led off with a walk, Brian Gross singled, Chris Weakley doubled, and Chris Alfert, David Collister, Gabe Zeldin and Jason Moore all singled to run through three Clayton pitchers.

Ironically, it was Clayton who threatened to score first. With a man on second, a batter hit a deep shot to center, but centerfielder Goldenberg made an incredible throw to Moore at the plate to mow the runner down.

"That kind of took the wind out

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## Albany Majors play catch-up, then fall into loser's bracket

By Jelani Harper

In Last Tuesday's California District 4 International Little League Baseball Tournament, Albany's Major Division team fell behind early against North Oakland in Antioch, and ended up playing a different game than it usually plays — catch-up.

Starting pitcher Louie Worth gave up five runs in the first inning, and though Albany fought back, it couldn't quite get over the hump and fell, 11-9, and fell into the loser's bracket.

"Everybody tried hard and nobody gave up even when we were down a lot of runs," said coach Don Worth about his team's effort. "The guys in the dugout stayed in the game mentally, and we kept coming back but couldn't quite catch

them."

On Wednesday, Albany was scheduled to take on Antioch East in the next round. A win will guarantee it a game against an as yet to be determined opponent Friday, whereas a loss will knock them out of the double elimination tournament.

Louie Worth redeemed himself at the plate by going 3-for-4, and Matt Ball went one better by going 4-for-4 including a leadoff homer in the bottom of the first. But Albany just could never get the upper hand.

"We have a nice combination of defense and depth in pitching, and we're fortunate to have several well-rounded, excellent players," ex-

See MAJORS on B2

## 'Pitbull' gets EC to Santa Clara

By Jeff Sepulveda

Ten-year-old Noah "Pitbull" Ingram, all 4 feet, and a half of him, stood on the mound Tuesday night with three outs separating his El Cerrito Blue Mustangs from advancing to the Pony League, Bronco Division regional tournament in Santa Clara.

His team had just scratched out a gift run in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 4-3 lead against Tara Hills (East Diablo) in an elimination game in the El Cerrito section tournament.

Tara's leadoff batter smacked a screaming liner to center field which fortunately for EC found its way directly into Juan Escovedo's mitt. Ingram got the next batter on a popout to second to which Doug Murray made short work. Two down.

Ingram needed no help for the last out. Three pitches; three errant swings, start the celebration.

"Boy, Noah (Ingram) sure came through at the end," said co-coach Gene Thurston. "He put it all into that last pitch. He had just enough gas left at the end."

The win vaulted EC into a championship matchup against Richmond, with both teams automatically advancing to the regionals in Santa Clara beginning July 17.

(Richmond defeated EC, 4-2, last Sunday to enter the double elimination tournament's championship round undefeated, forcing EC to beat them twice to take first place.)

"Before the inning, I was thinking I needed to throw the ball over the plate and let my defense help me," a beaming Ingram said after the game.

But on the ball which was scorched to center to start the inning, he said, "I didn't want to turn around and look.

'He (Ingram) put it all into that last pitch. He had just enough gas left at the end.'

— GENE THURSTON, EC CO-COACH



Photos by Jeff Lindquist  
Four-foot, 4-1/2 Noah 'Pitbull' Ingram, left, came through in the end Tuesday for EC's Bronco Blues to get them to Silicon Valley; while Jose Hurtado is blocked by Tara Hills' Alvin Salamanca.



And Ingram's thoughts with just one out to go?

"I was thinking, 'strike him out,'"

he gushed.

On this day EC needed Ingram's heroics. Mired in a bit of a batting

slump, EC struggled to score runs. Blue managed a single run

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## 4 Berkeley players go to world lacrosse

Nick Schooler, Ted Boggs, Louis Riordan and David Hoyt, all from Berkeley, have been selected as players for the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association 15 and under World Team, a select team of 27 all-stars drawn from the 10 junior teams in the association.

The team will travel to Baltimore this summer to compete against 60 teams from four nations in the World Youth Festival which is being held in conjunction with the Lacrosse World Games, the Olympics of lacrosse.

Every four years the very best in the lacrosse community come together to compete in the World Games, which is be-



Ted Boggs, Louis Riordan, Nick Schooler and David Hoyt (from left to right), head to Baltimore named to the World Lacrosse team.

ing held for the first time in 16 years in the United States.

Incoming Berkeley High freshman midfielder Nick Schooler and defenseman Ted Boggs along with Bishop O'Dowd freshman midfielder David Hoyt were the powerhouses on the Berkeley team this year.

Berkeley sophomore Louis

Riordan, anchored the defense for the Yellowjackets' junior varsity team.

Coach Steve Dini hopes to turn some heads in Maryland. He believes this year's NorCal team to be the best he has ever coached.

They are scheduled to play July 18-20 at Towson State.

## Mustangs' rookies gallop off with Lafayette all-star championship

El Cerrito's Mustang Rookie all-star team placed second in their division and fourth overall out of 10 teams in the Lafayette tournament June 27-July 3.

Ellis Clark played flawless centerfield with several key hits. Michael "lefty" Saucy lined two

doubles which earned him three RBIs. Chris Cartwright came up to bat in the fifth to hit a monstrous, two-run homer to secure the lead. Then Andrew Johnson came in to close out the game with his solid pitching that ended in a 16-13 victory for EC.

Next up was Tassajara Valley. Max Shaw was a sensational shortstop and lead-off hitter. Grady Jung played outstanding first base not letting a single ball pass his mitt. Dylan Bruno secured third base with his rocket shots to first.

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## 21-3 Astros walk away with El Cerrito's youth baseball 11-12 Bronco pennant

This year's El Cerrito Youth Baseball League Bronco championship was won by the Astros sponsored by the El Cerrito Police Employees Association.

The 11- and 12-year-olds compiled an 18-3 record in league play and won three additional games to win the playoffs.

The Astros were led by pitcher Erik Johnson who struck out 66 batters in 48 innings and only allowed 14 runs; Walker Toma recorded 46 strikeouts in 34 innings; and Peter Collister had 34 strikeouts in 28 innings, while allowing just five runs.

Johnson and Daniel

Czernilofsky had the highest batting averages, while David Ball led the team with 30 runs scored; Jeff Berndt led the team by reaching base 44 times, and Toma led the team in most homers and runners caught stealing.

Collister and Johnson led the team in hits.



# Seniors

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of their sails," said Marthinson. "They were still reeling from that when we turned around and rallied in the third. So it was a dogfight for the first two innings, then we exploded."

Weakley went the distance on the mound.

"He's more of a ground ball-fly ball pitcher, and he has these great pickoff moves that intimidated Clayton's baserunners," explained Albany coach Jana Lord. "So he was able to keep their runners close to the base, and didn't give up any balks."

Incidentally, Tuesday's game was the first for Albany, which was originally scheduled to open play against Lafayette on Tuesday. However, Lafayette couldn't field a team so Albany got the forfeit. CV came into the game fresh from back-to-back wins over Pittsburg National and Pinole-Hercules.

# Majors

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plained Don Worth. "I was able to get all of our pitchers into the game, whether they pinch-ran, pinch-hit, or started."

Still, Albany's effort against Antioch wasn't quite comparable to the effort it gave against Pinole-Hercules last Saturday, when it came up 5-2 winners.

Ball gave an inspired performance on the mound, giving up only five hits in five innings while striking out nine.

Ball, who also helped on offense with a single and a double, was then relieved in the sixth and final inning by Michael Clement, who added to Albany's stellar pitching performance by walking one before whiffing three straight batters.

Eddie Izumizaki scored twice, and Louie Brown drove in two RBI with a pair of singles. The Albany defense was particularly sharp that day, turning an unusual double play. Right-fielder Foster Gorree fielded a single by throwing to cutoff man Steven Presnall, who in turn fired home where catcher Brian Beckley tagged Pinole's streaking base runner out.

Beckley then threw to third baseman Spencer Ingles, who was able to put the tag on the batter sliding into third.



EC's Tristan Baumgardner seemed to be all over the field Tuesday.

# EC

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in the second inning courtesy of two errors by the Tara first baseman and a Tristan Baumgardner steal of home on the back end of a double steal.

After TH rallied for two off Ingram in the third to take the lead, Blue came back with two in the bottom of the fourth, with Zach Etzell and Baumgardner reaching on errors, stealing bases, and scoring after hits on an RBI single by Escovedo.

TH tied the game in the top of the fifth on a walk and two stolen bases allowed by Ingram and a throwing error on a steal attempt by catcher Baumgardner.

The EC bats came to life in the bottom of the fifth. Nine-year-old Mario Hollands stroked a ground

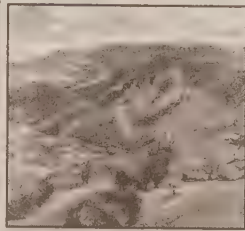
rule double to lead off the inning, which was followed by a single from Jose Hurtado.

After Etzell and Baumgardner failed to drive in the runner from third, EC got a gift from the baseball gods, a balk on the TH pitcher, which plated Hollands and sent EC into the regionals.

Balks were a new problem for tournament play, as they were not a factor in the regular Bronco League season, because players were not being allowed to lead off bases.

After the game, EC coaches Roger Murray and Gene Thurston were quite pleased to be heading to Santa Clara.

"This feels very good," said Murray. "Especially after watching how this Tara Hills team fought back to get to this game, how they didn't give up. Fortunately, we convinced our kids not to give up either."



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# Rookies

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Ray Rios stole three bases and scored twice to bring the lead to 10-1. Rios also made several outstanding defensive plays at second base.

Kenny Chinn was the star catcher and relief pitcher who secured the win, ending the game, 12-1, EC.

Nick Hembree started it off with two huge hits against Castro Valley. Sam Kessell let nothing passed him at second and came in to pitch. Gerald Drew was strong behind the plate and also came through with a clutch hit in the fourth inning to tie the game at 4-4. Kenji Wamukota was a powerful clean-up hitter and golden glove at third.

After battling back and forth with CV, EC ended up losing, 12-6.

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by Laura Fischer

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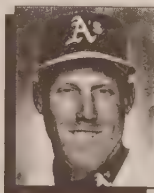
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Gates has a new CD "New Geography" now out that is a blend of jazz, Brazilian and original music and is receiving airplay on KCSM.

The trio will also play at the San Rafael Farmer's Market on Sept. 3 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Flamenco Fiesta

Local flamenco troupe Flamenco Vivo presents a lively "Flamenco Fiesta" on stage at the Odyssey Cafe, 1949 Shattuck Ave., in Berkeley on Sunday, July 19 at 7 p.m.

Guitarist David Gutierrez of Flamenco Vivo will be joined by guest artists Fibi Vernier (dancer), Carola Zertuche (dancer) and Roberto Zamora (singer) for an exciting evening of flamenco dance and music.

There is no cover charge. Dinner reservations are available. Odyssey serves authentic Mediterranean tapas and dinner entrees. Details: 849-1319

Jack Gates

Jack Gates

## Fashion plate films

Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant in Berkeley, presents "The Way We Wore," a festival on fashion in the cinema, featuring films with dramatic clothing by some of the top international designers working in the industry, through Aug. 30. Audience members are encouraged to wear appropriate vintage clothing. Upcoming in the series:

July 17, 7 p.m.: "Morocco"; "The Scarlet Empress."

July 18, 7 p.m.: "The Affairs of Anatol"; "The Greeks Had a Word for Them."

July 19, 5:30 p.m.: "Irene"; "Why Change Your Wife?"

Admission: \$6 general; \$3.50 for seniors and students; \$1.50 for second film in an evening. Details: 442-1412.



Featured soloist Elizabeth Lamson

## Summer string concert

The Albany Community Orchestra's Summer String Ensemble presents a concert of baroque and romantic string music on Thursday, July 16, in the Little Theater at Albany High School at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public. There is no admission charge. The Little Theater is located at 603 Key Route Blvd. in Albany.

Featured soloist will be longtime Berkeley resident Elizabeth Lamson, the orchestra's principal violinist, playing the Viola Concerto by the 18th century German composer Georg Philipp Telemann. This was Telemann's only viola concerto, and is thought to be the earliest concerto written for that instrument.

The ensemble will also perform two movements from Tchaikovsky's "Serenade For Strings", and Edvard Grieg's "Hoborg Suite", featuring solo passages by Wataru Nunomura, violin, by violist Josaphine Burns, and by cellists Suzanne Lilienthal and Thomas Fattaruso.

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## Festival stages refreshing 'Othello'

By Phyllis Lyon

Though their summer may have gotten off to an inauspicious start, the California Shakespeare Festival snaps back with a vengeance in the second play of their 1998 season. In a thoroughly engaging production of *Othello* directed by Tom Markus, the company sheds a new and bright light on Shakespeare's story of the tragic downfall of the mighty Moor of Venice.

Down the centuries, with renderings of *Othello* by amateurs in the boonies to stars on Broadway and the West End, the play has not always been the thing. Often the main talk is about Sir Larry's *Othello* in black face or Kenneth Branagh's slithering Iago. So out

of habit the first questions asked about the Festival's production are, what about Bernard K. Addison's *Othello*, how is Charles Shaw Robinson's Iago. My answer is that together, and separately, they are superb. They put an original and daring spin on the character and relationship of the two legendary roles.

For his part Addison, who also played *Othello* in New York and has an impressive resume of stage, screen and television credits, makes clear that this black man is an outsider in white Venetian society, and at the same time so powerful a military strategist that they blithely overlook his marrying one of their daughters. Addison goes along with and makes the most of the Elizabethan

'Othello' plays through Aug. 1. Tickets: \$10 to \$35.

Tuesday through Thursday, 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. Bruns Memorial Amphitheater, Sesta Valley, off Shakespeare Festival Way/Gateway exit on Highway 24, Orinda. 548-9666.



Deanne Lorette as Desdemona, Bernard K. Addison as Othello.

than view of the black man as an exotic mystic; he takes charge with authority in war; he is silly struck with unimaginable first love, the love that brings him down. Or, as the moral of a more recent popular tragedy says, it was beauty that killed the beast. And Addison skill-

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## Actors Ensemble stages semi-fictional look at C.S. Lewis

By Phyllis Lyon

Berkeley's Actors Ensemble close its 41st season with a moving production of *Shadowlands*, William Nicholson's tender and profound story of the latter days of revered English author C. S. Lewis. The play, directed by Andrew Palmer, is on stage at the Live Oak Theater weekends through Aug. 8.

A theologian, scholar and critic, Lewis gained his largest following with the Narnia stories, a series of children's books beginning with *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* which combined high adventure with Christian messages in disguise. Lewis broadcast inspirational talks on Christianity during The War, wrote popular science fiction and contributed extensively to the Oxford History of English Literature, humorously referred to as the "Oh, hell."

A fiction based in fact, *Shadowlands* opens on Clive Staples Lewis, known as "Jack," in his mid-50s, an Oxford don complacent in his ivory tower, a confirmed bachelor living in peaceful domestic harmony with his brother. Occasionally arguing points of theology, or speculating on woman's place, with his fellow intellectuals over a pint at the pub, he's settled and certain.

He is, that is, until an American woman with whom he has been corresponding, named Joy Davidman, turns up on his doorstep

*Shadowlands* is staged Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. at Berryman, Berkeley, through Aug. 8, plus 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. Reservations: 528-5620. Admission: \$9, discounts groups of 15 or more.

with her 8-year-old son. Generous, perhaps to a fault, and intrigued by Joy's intelligence and wit, Lewis invites her to tea, invites her over for Christmas dinner. After her return from a trip home to divorce her ne'er-do-well husband, Lewis agrees to a "technical" marriage so she can legally remain in England.

And, to his surprise, he fell completely into love with her. He later wrote, "For those years we feasted on love, every mode of it..." At about the same time Joy was diagnosed with terminal bone cancer. "Those years" Lewis refers to were a three-year remission from her disease, spent in part on an idyllic honeymoon in Greece.

A noted lecturer in real life, Lewis' sermons on the meaning of suffering in Christian faith, delivered at the beginning of Acts I and II of the play, dramatically point up the profound effect Joy's death had on his deepest-held beliefs.

Ensemble actors Irv Siegel and Susan Jackson Collins are



Susan Jackson Collins, Irv Siegel and Gabe Baghosian in 'Shadowlands' at Live Oak Theater.

wellmatched as Jack and Joy, the star-crossed lovers; and Steven M. Vickers, mild and sympathetic as brother, Warnie. Outstanding among Jack's university cohorts, the cynic Christopher Riley is played by Gregory Denzler. Bob Stanley is Rev. Harry Harrington who refuses to marry Jack to a divorced woman. Gabe Baghosian plays Joy's mostly inaudible son. David Kesler is the Father who does perform the ceremony, a doctor and a waiter; Shanti Prasad is a doctor as well as the marriage registrar.

*Shadowlands*, once made into a movie starring Joss Ackland and, strangely enough, Debra Winger, is

first an unusual and poignant love story. It also challenges thinkers to ask themselves profound questions about their own lives and beliefs. And peppers both with sophisticated, gentle humor.

A less sanguine playwright might have seen Joy Davidman as an opportunist who, stuck in a bad marriage, looking for a stable home for her son and knowing she was doomed, took advantage of an inexperienced, unworldly middle-aged man. William Nicholson doesn't even consider the possibility and it's nearly a sure thing that C. S. Lewis didn't either.

## Mime Troupe takes on HMOs

By Carol Egan

True to form, the San Francisco Mime Troupe has found yet another ripe subject for its latest production. This year the ever-vigilant company takes on the dissolving health care industry in "Damaged Care." Presenting the material in their usual highly stylized and theatricalized fashion, the Mime Troupe manages to convey the essential message: universal health care for all is the only sensible and humane way to go.

Last weekend's performances at Cedar Rose Park, attended by a representative Berkeley audience (including a handful of children, a few dogs, several homeless persons, and one iguana posing atop his master's head) took place under brilliant blue skies with a slight breeze keeping temperatures down. The event offered folks an excellent excuse to get outdoors while, at the same time, being entertained and enlightened.

Outdoor performances, though pleasant under favorable conditions, do have their drawbacks, the main one being acoustics. Despite the use of a sound system, the actors were often simply drowned out by the ambient sounds of the location. The unfortunate result of having to strain to understand the text is one of fatigue. Alas, before the hour-long performance ended several in the audience had lost interest. More's the pity, since the Mime Troupe has a lot to say and some ingenious ways of saying it.

Using the old Italian form of commedia dell'arte, the Troupe combines farce, buffoonery, physical schtick, dance, and music to convey some harsh realities. Director Dan Chumley and musical director Bruce Barthol keep the pace moving right along while, for this production, writers Joan Holden and Karim Scarlata even borrow traditional commedia names such as Doctor Capitano (the evil CEO of "Capacare," played with devilish glee by Ed Holmes), Arlecchino (Michael Sullivan is oh-so-adroit in the role of this impish hero), and Brighella, played by Victor Toman.

When Doctor Capitano, the "CEO extraordinaire" of Bologna General Hospital states his intention to cut services and offer higher dividends, he proclaims "One hospital, one nurse, total efficiency." Brighella, a "Venture Capitalist," advises him instead to sell the hospital and invest in Mongolian currency. The two villains part company with Brighella resolving to get even.

The heroines of the production are Nurse Basil (Velina Brown) and Resident Hemostat (Keiko Shimosato). Nurse Basil vows to resign following the down-sizing ordered by the new boss. Despite her resolution, she feels the call of duty each time the phone rings or a patient needs help. Resident Hemostat, fresh out of medical school, is left with the major tasks of treating all patients.

To facilitate the cutbacks, Capitano

has created the call-in number, 1-800-NOT-SICK, promising that "One of our highly trained receptionists will decide if you have to be seen."

The frustration of encountering endless messages is suffered by patients and staff alike. When Arlecchino calls for advice on his conspicuous lump, he gets the message, "If you want to browse through a list of afflictions, press '2' now... If you have a lump, press '0' now." Whereupon he is taken back to the original message!

The plot thickens as a service staff member gets promoted to the newly created position of "Medical Associate." Henceforth he will supervise Nurse Basil. And by the way, he states, since a two-to-one staffing ratio is required in Emergency, they'll be down-sizing to a Critical Care facility. And so it goes, all our worst nightmares coming true before our eyes. Medical journals are rewritten to reclassify symptoms such as Arlecchino's lump as "normal;" CEO Capitano proudly announces the opening of the new "Michael Jackson Wing for Plastic Surgery;" arobo-nurse console assists the single remaining nurse in intensive care; and Nurse Basil cannot get any doctor to attend the sick and dying.

Finally, just as all appears hopeless, salvation arrives in the form of a TV mini-crew (Victor Toman and Amos Glick) from the "Mainline Live" show. Anxious to get the scoop on the failing health care industry,

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# Othello

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fully entices the audience into feeling his pain.

Robinson's "honest Iago" has a raw, gravel-voiced, country wiliness, a self-effacing gall, a devilish glee as he, ineffect, sits on his master's shoulder, relentlessly whispering venomous thoughts into his ear until the "green-eyed monster" takes hold. His Iago appears to make up the details of his ruinous plot as he goes along. He's improvising and gets lucky, as Robinson himself says of his fresh interpretation of the part. In Shakespeare's second longest role, Robinson's villain comes off as subtly grainy rather than outright slimy as some have, up to his last ironic line,

# Troupe

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they probe the skeletal staff who reveal, all too gladly, the miserable state of affairs. Finally, staff and patients unite to sing in praise of Universal Health Care. Though this abrupt

"From this time forth, I never will speak word."

Without the usual subplots, *Othello's* other characters are more and less pawns in the main fray. Deanne Lorette, as Desdemona, is sweetly playful as the wife who commits the unforgivable sin of disobeying her father (played by W. Francis Walters) only to have her marriage abruptly turn sour for no reason she can, or ever does, see. Molly Mayock is a plucky Emilia, Iago's putupon wife, whose brave words of rebellion are all spoken outside her wicked husband's earshot.

Innocent dupes along Iago's single-minded path to destruction are Cassio (Chad Fisk), the soldier whose misfortune was to get the promotion Iago coveted and the only person left standing at the play's finish; and the

pathetic Roderigo (David Ellenstein), whose love for Desdemona Iago plays on to drain his purse. Tanya Shaffer plays Bianca, the courtesan in love with Cassio, and Lucy Choi, a fellow courtesan.

Figures providing a contrasting backdrop of social order, but equally in the dark, are Steven W. Bailey as Desdemona's uncle,

Philip Davidson, the Duke of Venice, and Markus Potter, the governor of Cyprus.

Smart Victorian gowns and military uniforms were designed by Linda Sarver and crennellated towers overlooking the piazzas by Eric Landsman.

*Othello* plays nightly, except Monday, with 4 p.m. matinees on Sunday through July 19 and July 29 through Aug. 1 at the Bruns outdoor theater in Orinda.

"Happy End" brought forth cheers from the crowd, it seemed much too sudden and, alas, far too idealistic. Undereath the laughter and applause were tears of recognition and frustration.

If you missed last weekend's per-

formances, all is not lost. The S.F. Mime Troupe returns to Berkeley August 29-30 to perform at Free Oak Park. Performances are live, but you are advised to go early and sit close to the stage. Music begins at 1:30 p.m. and the show starts at 2 p.m.

# Events

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Fun at Tilden

Upcoming programs at Tilden Regional Park:

"Pond Plunge," July 18, 2 p.m. A summertime walk to the ponds for children and their parents and a chance to see some of its denizens. For age 4 and older.

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# American outdoor theaters

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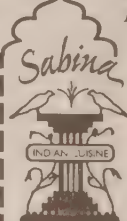
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## Police Reports

### Chief targets license plates

**K. Osborn**  
From the Albany Police Department log:

**Licenses**  
At about 8 a.m. on July 9 officers responded to the Safeway store on 1500 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a shoplifter being detained. Officers arrested a 45-year-old Berkeley man for petty theft. He was taken to the Berkeley Jail and transferred to the Berkeley Jail.

### Auto burglary

On July 7 a resident on the 1500 block of Castro Street reported that the weekend thieves broke into her '90 Honda while it was parked near her home. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of July 7 an elderly woman reported that thieves stole the license plate from her car. She was not sure if it happened at home or in front of a business on

the 1500 block of Solano Avenue.

### Theft

On the evening of July 8 a resident on the 1400 block of Thousand Oaks Avenue reported that she had observed someone in a cream colored pick-up steal a plant from her porch. She said that there was a magnetic sticker on the side of the truck.

### Vandalism

On July 9 a resident on the 400 block of Taft Street reported that during the night vandals had broken the passenger window of her car. There were no witnesses.

### Auto theft

On July 9 a resident on the 900 block of Castro Street reported that thieves had stolen her '89 Honda Accord. There were no witnesses.

### Miscellaneous

At about 1:30 a.m. on July 10 officers responded to the 1000 block

of Eastshore Highway on reports of a person in trouble. Officers found a 49-year-old man who was intoxicated. He was arrested, and cited to be released when sober.

On the evening of July 10 officers responded to a call from a woman in trouble. Officers found a domestic dispute where the woman, in her 30s, attacked a man and he was injured. She was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. The man refused transport to the hospital.

During the week of July 6 Albany officers fingerprinted 2 people at their request, towed one car, responded to 10 false alarms, attended to seven lost or deceased animals, assisted two people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to three reports of barking dogs. Officers stopped 50 vehicles issuing 24 warnings and 26 citations. In the domestic arena officers intervened in three domestic disputes, 19 civil disturbances and 50 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to four fire calls and 12 medical emergencies.

### Stolen check suspect leaves behind ID

From the El Cerrito Police log:

### Shoplifting

July 3 A Richmond man placed under citizen's arrest for attempting to leave the store with concealed merchandise was also found to be in possession of a controlled substance when officers investigated.

July 5: A juvenile was arrested for attempting to leave the Target Store with concealed merchandise.

July 8: A 31-year-old Richmond man was arrested at Safeway

### Forgery

July 7: 26-year-old Richmond presents a stolen check at Bank of America, departs when teller attempts to contact victim leaves her ID.

July 2: A man presents a Nevada driver's license, temporary California license and social security card on an application for credit at Guitar Center, then fraudulently purchases \$3,600 worth of music equipment.

The suspect is described as a white male around 25 to 30 years old, 6-foot-2 to 6-foot-4, brown hair slicked back, clean-shaven and wearing leather jacket and work boots.

July 3: Suspect enters Longs Drugs, attempts to purchase a cell phone with a check the clerk determines is lost or stolen. Suspect leaves before police arrive.

### Miscellaneous

July 7: a juvenile passenger is arrested during a traffic stop at the Central Ave. I-80 on-ramp after officers find methamphetamine.

July 5: A Richmond man's bicycle, valued at \$150, was stolen from in front of the Target Store.

### Vandalism

July 4: A '90 Dodge Caravan in the 100 block of San Carlos received scratches in its paint after it had been repainted from prior damages. Damage: \$100.

### Burglary

July 7: Suspect described as a black male, around 42 years old, 5-foot-7, around 170 pounds wearing light shirt, dark pants comes to residence in the 100 block of Pomona and asks for a drink of water and a sweater. While victim goes to get the items the suspect removes items from a wallet next to the door.

July 2 to July 3: An unknown suspect enters Guitar Center's guitar room and forcibly removes a guitar valued at \$10,000 from secured plexiglass.

July 7: Someone enters the laundry/storage room of apartments on 5700 blk of Central and pried open storage lockers, removing an estimated \$1,500 in property.

### Auto burglary

Overnight between July 6 and July 7 a forced entry allows someone to steal a car stereo and jacket from an '88 Honda Civic parked in the 6100 block of Jordan Ave. Property loss and damage: \$500.

# BREAKFAST & BRUNCH

### The Ark - Pier 29

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The Ark - Pier 29 is a bright eatery on the Oakland/Alameda waterfront that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.

In addition to a seaside view and hearty fare, the nautical theme alone is worth a look-see. Decor includes original shipyard equipment, paintings, photographs and hand-crafted models.

The portions are generous and the food delightfully pleasing. The menu includes fresh seafood, steaks, chicken and daily specials.

The Ark serves breakfast daily starting at 8 a.m. Indulge in traditional egg dishes, seafood omelets, eggs benedict, home made muffins and much more.

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Lunch features fresh sandwiches, soups (including matzo ball soup) and salads.

Autumn Moon shines at dinner-time with rustic entrees -- roast chicken, skirt steak, manicotti -- and other healthful entrees, appetizers and desserts.

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### Kaffee Barbara

1005 Brown Avenue - Lafayette  
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The key word describing Kaffee Barbara is "homey" ... a charming Bavarian-style house with a picket fence and geraniums in window boxes.

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### 403 Help Wanted

#### NEWS REPORTER

Full-time job in San Francisco office of Regional Wire Service. Excellent opportunity for an experienced reporter or a recent college graduate with news writing training and good command of English. Call Joan at Wayne 415-552-8900

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#### OFFICE Assistant

North Oakland mail order business. Computer skills required, some heavy lifting. Robert 547-8801

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for small, busy, growing, residential property management firm in Oakland. Must be comfortable with computers, well organized, good with people. Responsibilities include bookkeeping, answering phones, scheduling maintenance, screening tenants, keeping car. Long-term position, mornings, 15-20 hours per week. 464-6897

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### McCAULO'S MONTCLAIR

Full-time position making and pricing women's clothing. Apply in person 6211 Medea Place, Montclair.

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Full-time/part-time sales positions available. Apply in person, 6211 Medea Place, Montclair.

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RETAIL Tool Store: Tool experience necessary, mechanical aptitude helpful. Part-time to start. Apply at 1511 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley Monday through Friday 10am to 6pm.

### SALES AGENTS

Dynamic sales agents sought for Berkeley. Reps. exciting subscription campaign. Are you a theatre lover with free time? Would you like to earn valuable sales skills while working part-time days/evenings, earn up to \$20 per hour (commission + hourly and cash bonus)? We have an award winning theatre? This may be the place for you. Call 204-8901 ext. 400 to find out what role you can play. (Management opportunities also available.)

### SCREEN PRINTERS

Experienced Textile screen printers needed immediately. Automatic and manual experience required. Fax resume: 510-558-2992. Call Kevin 510-558-2917 between 11 a.m. - 12 noon.

### SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Full-time, small property management company, Albany. Good computer skills and professional phone manner required. Work well with public. Fax resume: Attention: Heidi, 510-528-1006.

### SECRETARY/CLERK

Busy Oakland IP law firm near BART. Salary, incl. leave, vacation and medical package. Resume and references to: P.O. Box 242408, 13th Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

### SECURITY OFFICER

Weekends, part-time, 7 p.m. - 4 a.m., walking, driving. 523-5528.

### TEACHER

Full-time position Monday-Friday. Must have 6 ECE units. Montessori training helpful. Will train the right person. Call 652-7021.

### TEACHER - Head, School

after school program, 35 hours plus, Alameda ECE degree or elementary education units, 3 years experience required, salary/benefits \$10,769-\$437.

### TEACHER - Montessori

pre-school El Cerrito AMS/AMI credential required. Also position available. Near BART. 510-236-7479.

### TEACHER Assistant

position available, September. Traditional, school age childcare, approximately 2.5, per day, p.m. only with possible a.m. hours \$8.30 per hour. Send or fax resume to: Girls Inc., 1724 Santa Clara, Alameda, 94501 fax 510-521-4417. Att: Pam.

### 602 Art/Antiques

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TEACHER Position available September 1st in school age childcare program in Catholic school, 2:30-5:30pm. ECE units preferred but will consider training. Salary DOE. 482-2780.

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### VETERINARY Receptionist

experience required, part-time for some weekend hours, at busy friendly hospital. Resumes to: PCAH, 1410 Everett, Alameda, 94501. Or fax to: 510-522-8452, attention: office manager, also part-time kennel position available. Includes: weekend hours, previous animal handling experience necessary.

### WINDOW Washer

For residential work. Experience and own equipment preferred. Own transportation required. 510-531-8138.

### WORD PROCESSOR

Contract position is a State office in Berkeley, CA. Self-motivated; detail oriented; WP 6.0; MS Word/Windows 95; Excel; Lotus; spreadsheet; D-Base; E-mail; data entry; \$1848/month plus benefits. Send resume to: RCF, 2151 Berkeley Way, room 608, Berkeley, CA 94704 or fax to: 510-540-2062 by Friday July 24, 1998.

### WORD PROCESSOR 10-15

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### WASHER Maytag, Dryer, G.E.

Excellent condition, year old. \$800 new each, now \$250 each. Call 532-3353.

### REFRIGERATOR large size

by side, deluxe, Kenmore. Washer/dryer, deluxe Kenmore large capacity. Green metal/metal box springs, headboard. 521-8668.

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ROLL-Top Oak desk, unique, restored. \$2600. Oak 48" table/6 leaves. \$590. Armchair \$200. 510-428-1581.

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### FIREWOOD - Walnut and Acacia - 1/2 Cord, new split

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\$700. Call 510-839-9679.

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\$50. Call 864-9672.

### MICROWAVE, JC Penney, 1.4 cu ft.

\$50. 510-527-9856.

### MOVING clearance year old Queen bed, \$75

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### NORDIC Track Walk Fit Pro exerciser like new

\$200. Call 510-528-0677.

### OLYMPIA Pool Table, 8x4, 4 leg table

Almost brand new. \$3000. 510-339-9688.

### PENTIUM 120 MHz, 32 Mega, 3 gld, sound blaster

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Such was the case with some friends of mine, who, in their young and foolish days, decided to hire a charming team of fellows, whom we will call Ted and Fred, who promised to design and remodel their bathroom for half of what the next highest bid.

On the job, things went well for about two weeks. Ted and Fred spoke glowingly of their plans for the room and discussed sketches, paint colors, fixtures and floor coverings with enthusiasm.

Within three weeks, the tub, shower, toilet and vanity had been torn out and work on the subflooring had begun. Major dry rot was found near the shower, an unexpected problem that seemed to faze Fred, but not Ted. Another week went by and the bathroom, (mercifully a second bathroom) was an empty shell.

And it was really empty, because neither Ted nor Fred was in evidence. Calls to them produced promises of immediate appearance, and they actually did appear a few times, for a few hours.

### Nightmare

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## Pearman

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When it was pointed out that the friends had given him three quarters of the total asked for the job, Ted stayed on the job for another month, appearing every other day and working diligently, but producing very little results.

The floor was unfinished plywood, the tub, shower, toilet and vanity were out, the medicine cabinet sat on the floor because Ted cut the hole in the wall too big and could not figure out how to fit it in properly, and the shower door that was a special order would not fit the shower opening. Since there were no instructions with it, Ted suggested that my friends call the manufacturer for help.

In the meantime, the family used to two bathrooms, was managing badly with one. Tempers were frayed and patience wore out.

Finally Ted went and did not come back. His answering machine took calls but Ted did not return them. When my friends called the State Contractor's License Board, they found that Ted and Fred were unlicensed and the state could not help.

A civil action was possible, but it might cost more than simply starting over, which they did with a licensed contractor, with references, in business in the area for 10 years. Their new bathroom is nice, but more costly than if they had started with a licensed contractor and chosen on a basis other than price alone.

Don Pearman is an Oakland, California contractor and author of *The Termite Report Address questions to 2001 Hoover Ave., Oakland, CA 94602*

## SMART MONEY



LEILA GOUGH

Now that summer is in full swing, you will probably be enjoying time off at your favorite vacation spot. One of the last things that is likely to be on your mind this time of year is your investment portfolio. But after you get some well-deserved rest, you might want to take some time to make sure your investments are working harder than ever to meet your financial goals.

**Review investment mix.** If you are a long-term investor, you have probably been advised countless times to avoid the temptation to tinker with your portfolio as the value of your investments go up and down. Many experts say your investment expectations should be based on a long-term time frame, so you should not worry too much about temporary downturns in your portfolio's value. That is good advice, but that does not mean you should put your investments on automatic pilot.

If you have not recently looked at how much your portfolio is invested in cash, stocks and bonds, you might be in for a surprise. The stock market's surge in recent years could mean that your portfolio has put on a few extra pounds in stocks. If your investment plan calls for 50 percent stocks and stocks now com-

## Summer excellent time to review portfolio

prise 80 percent of your portfolio, you could be exposed to more risk than you want. You may want to sell some of your stocks to reflect your investment goals, time period to invest and comfort level for risk.

**Give budget a midyear checkup.** Now that your annual household budget has been in place for half a year, look at how your spending is matching up with your budgeted amounts. For example, if you budgeted \$1,000 for new clothing this year and have spent \$800 through July, you have only \$200 left for the next six months of the year.

That should not only be a warning sign but an indicator that shopping spree but an indicator that you may be in danger of tapping your savings and investments to pay for expenses that exceed your income.

**Identify maturing municipal bonds.** Many municipal bond issues typically mature in June and July. Now is a good time to think

about how you plan to reinvest the principal you receive from your maturing bonds.

Before deciding how to reinvest your bond proceeds, determine whether your investing time line, goals and risk tolerance have changed. If not, you may want to buy more municipal bonds to replace those that have matured. Your need for federally tax-free income, your tax bracket and your investment objectives should serve as your main criteria for determining how municipal bonds fit into your overall investment strategy.

Be aware that you may receive a lower interest rate on municipal bonds purchased today. Because municipal bonds are exempt from federal taxes (unlike treasury bonds), you may end up with more in your pocket after taxes by buying municipal bonds and holding them until maturity.

Be sure to keep in mind municipal bond income payments may be

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subject to state taxes or the alternative minimum tax.

Give yourself some time to relax, but do not take an extended vacation from monitoring your investment portfolio and financial plan.

In the long run, you will definitely rest easier knowing that your

investment plan is staying on track to help make your dreams true.

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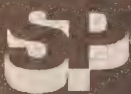
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# Serene Japanese view home comes on market

By Mark A. Wilson

It is not often that American architects achieve a perfect blend of traditional Japanese serenity with modern American convenience in their residential designs. The spacious and sophisticated home at 115 Dudley Avenue in Piedmont, just listed for sale by Anian Pettit Tunney of The Grubb Company, manages to create a rare harmony by incorporating the best elements of Japanese and modern architecture.

Built in 1956, this unusual residence was designed by architect Clarence W. Mayhew of San Francisco, a member of one of the Bay Area's most prominent residential firms of the mid-20th century.

Over the past four decades, this distinguished home was singled out for feature articles in three California publications: the San Francisco Chronicle's Sunday Magazine (in 1959 and in 1963), House and Home Magazine (in 1961), and Sunset Magazine (c. 1962). The Sunset Magazine article on this house was aptly titled "Japanese In Quality, Western in Concept".

Traditional Japanese domestic architecture has a longer history in this country than most people realize. It was first introduced to the United States at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893, where the Japanese Pavilion was designed in

the form of a traditional Japanese teahouse.

But it was only after World War II, when hundreds of thousands of American soldiers, diplomats, and businesspeople were stationed in Japan, that the traditional Japanese domestic design became popular with many home builders in America.

The Sunset Magazine article said that "the owners had visited Japan at the end of the war, and had been impressed and delighted with the clean simplicity of Japanese houses."

The article in House and Home magazine gave the home an editor's citation saying that "the architect was successful in carrying out the owner's request for a house with an oriental character."

Traditional Japanese architecture is distinguished by an elegant simplicity of design, clean lines and uncluttered spaces throughout the exterior and interior, natural materials, and a subtle, sophisticated integration of the home with its surroundings. The house at 115 Dudley Avenue displays all of these elements, while at the same time incorporating very modern construction techniques and conveniences.

The exterior has a sweeping, 10-foot overhang along the south side, reminiscent of a stylized Japanese pagoda roofline. Below the overhang is a wide projecting balcony,

which takes good advantage of the San Francisco Bay view from the upslope lot.

The home's south facade is enclosed in tall, plate-glass panels with black painted wood framing, a feature inspired by Japanese screen walls but rendered in modern materials to maximize the impact of the views from every angle.

As you approach 115 Dudley Avenue, you are immersed in the subtle grace of Japanese landscaping techniques. Japanese maple trees line the outer wall of the house, which leading your vision gently up towards the enclosed entry patio. The patio contains a shallow sunken pond, with a five-foot tall Japanese stone lantern in the middle. The pond has been landscaped with water lilies and water irises, traditional Japanese garden plants. The landscaping was restored and enhanced by Joey Mota Landscaping.

Just before you enter the house, you'll notice a fascinating, 32-square-inch hand-carved wooden panel on the patio wall above the pond. This panel was designed and made by the famous Japanese-American artist Chiura Obata. Mr. Obata taught art at U.C. Berkeley for many years, and was befriended by the builders of this home. The panel contains the words "Daikan So," meaning

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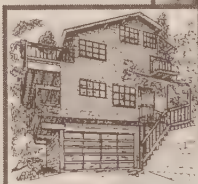
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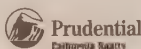
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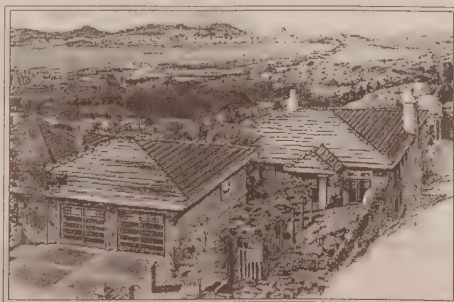
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"Great View House."

How accurate Chiura Obata's description was becomes readily apparent once you step inside the house. The interior is divided into two main levels. The living quarters are on the upper level. Below, open to the upper level, are the long sweeping flow of the recreation room, living room, and dining room. These rooms are only divided by partial walls, or sliding shoji screens, which creates a light, spacious, elegant feeling throughout the lower level.

The dominant feature of the interior however, is an uninterrupted panoramic Bay view visible

through "glass walls" along three sides of the house. These walls open out onto a wide balcony facing the west, a shaded patio to the north, and spacious covered deck to the south. These indoor/outdoor features are in keeping with the Japanese tradition of integrating the a house with its environment.

There is also a library in an L-shaped area off of the living room. The living room itself has a stone fireplace which forms its back wall. Altogether, there are eight rooms in the house, including three formal bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths. The total living area of the interior is 3,830 square feet. There are Japanese-style painted wood panels by Chiura Obata above the glass doorway leading

to the south deck, and above the door leading to the north patio. Carla Karsant has professionally staged the interior.

The upper level of the interior has a spacious kitchen at the north end with lots of counter space, and a central island work area incorporating a range top. There is a bedroom and full bath off the kitchen and another half bath off the entry hall. The entry hall floor is faced in elegant green slate tiles.

A middle bedroom with a full bath is located just to the south of the entry hall. At the south end of the house is the commodious mas-

ter suite. The large bathroom in this suite has a divided tub and shower, a good sized closet, and lots of clothes drawers. The bedroom here has a lovely South Bay/Peninsula view; above the shaded deck and out over the thick green tree tops of Piedmont beyond Lake Merritt to the Bay.

The serene Japanese view home at 115 Dudley Avenue in Piedmont is being offered for sale at \$849,000. For more information, call The Grubb Co. at 339-0400. For showings by appointment, call the listing agent, Anian Pettit Tunney, on her voice mail, at 339-0404, extension 217.

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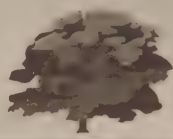
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**PRISTINE AND SHARP LIKE A MODEL** \$349,900  
3BR, 2BA San Ramon beauty w/reodeled kitchen and baths. Light, open and airy floor plan. Fantastic front and back yards w/spa. Air conditioning, 2-car gar. Lovely private court. EMIY CABRITA 837-2200

**FAMILY PORTRAIT** \$347,000  
Imagine yours by the fireplace in this 4BR, 2.5BA home in Montclair w/fantastic canyon vistas. Gazebo on deck, 3 levels make for uncrowded living. 2 trips, beamed ceilings. Open Sun 2-4:30. 5935 Alhambra. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**GREAT LOCATION IN WALNUT CREEK** \$329,000  
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**BIG + BOLD + BEAUTIFUL-CURB APPEAL** \$289,000  
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**CLASSIC SAN LEANDRO NORTH AREA** \$285,000  
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**SAN RAMON'S** \$284,950  
Best value - motivated seller reduced price! 3BR, 2BA with 1,533 sq. ft. Bright & open floor plan. Quiet court location. New roof too! TONY CRISTIANI 837-2200

**GREAT SHAPE - GREAT CONVENIENCE** \$191,000  
Charming 1910 home with original details, updated kitchen, new foundation, new electric, new carpet & paint! Walk to shopping, parks, express bus! PATRICIA BARNETT 482-9000

**SEE THE POTENTIAL** \$189,000  
In this 2BR, 1+BA w/large fam rm situated in established San Leandro neighborhood. Large yard, detached garage, and parking for boat. Needs loving attention. SHERDELLA SIMS 287-9586

**INCREDIBLE VALUE FOR STARTERS** \$169,000  
Upper Laurel, just add your own personal touch to this light and spacious starter. Cozy fireplace, large kitchen and master suite. Just a few of the amenities. ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842

**SWEET LAUREL TOWNHOUSE** \$154,950  
This 2+BR, 1+BA really is a gem-sparkling and waiting. Spacious high ceilings, nice garden & friendly neighbors await you. Open Sun. 2-4:30. 3685 Maple. ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842

**CHARMING COTTAGE** \$149,000  
Large garden w/outside building. Idea for artist, gardener or playhouse! Newer kitchen & bath. 2BR, 1BA. Located on corner lot w/white picket fence. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 287-9585

**WOW!** \$139,000  
A 3BR, 2BA Pittsburg home with family room, fireplace in a carport. Close to conveniences. What a great value! Call quickly. DONNA SOUZA 837-2200

**SPARKLING OAKLAND HILLS HOME** \$129,500  
Check out this nice hills neighborhood, then come inside to a well-maintained home with some view, hardwoods, central heat & a full basement storage. JIM SCHUBERT 436-6683

**DECORATOR PERFECT - PIEDMONT AVE.** \$96,500  
Darling condo in small complex w/own laundry & terrace. Custom draperies, designer wall paper, new berber style carpets. Walk to shops & bus line. MARY JANE MCCONVILLE 287-9583



# Getting it right often simpler than you think

Number 251 in a series of true experiences in real estate

We were with our buyers during a house inspection recently when the inspector turned on the shower and flushed the toilet at the same time. The shower water slowed considerably. Our clients looked unhappy.

The inspector explained that this is a common situation usually caused by corrosion in the old galvanized pipes. The fix is to replace the water lines with copper which does not corrode. What would it cost? That would depend on the length of the pipes, the access to them and which plumber is hired to do the work; it could cost thousands.

I remembered then that I'd always intended to fix this problem at my own house. We are all very careful not to turn on the dishwasher or flush the toilet when someone's in the shower, so no one's been scalded yet. But wouldn't it be terrific if we didn't have to be so careful? I wonder if it would even be possible for both kids to take morning showers at the same time. I decided the time had come to investigate further.

I called my plumber, asked him to give me a bid on running new copper water lines. He told me that we might not have to go that far. He'd come and look but it was possible that the problem was very small, a simple and easy fix. This seemed too good to be true but he

crawled under the house, and emerged smiling.

"Di-electric union" he announced. "That's what you need. It's certainly the place to start." He explained that in the bathroom water line a union was made connecting galvanized steel to brass. Connecting two dissimilar metals together, especially in the hot water line, causes electrolysis that creates iron deposits inside the joint. This narrows the opening, and restricts the water flow.

But if the connection of the different metals is separated by what is called a di-electric union — an insulator between the two — there is no electrolysis and therefore no corrosion. Many older houses were built in the days when plumbers routinely joined steel to brass to copper, which did slow down the iron buildup but did not eliminate it.

It took my plumber around 20 minutes to take the union apart and put it together again the right way. I was skeptical that anything that easy would work. I turned on the shower full blast, then flushed the toilet. It worked great. I tried shower plus washing machine. The shower flow dropped off only slightly. Even with both showers on at the same time, there was plenty of water. Wow!

We had another pleasant surprise this week, this one with a fireplace in a house we will be listing. On the wall behind the fireplace, beginning in the joint between the mantel and the wall and rising from there are dark black smoke stains. We were alarmed; they sure look bad. We could almost see flames licking up that wall. There is also a long diagonal crack in the tile fireplace facing, as well as several loose tiles. Is the whole

thing crumbling, we wanted to know, and if it is, how many thousands of dollars would it cost to rebuild?

The fireplace and chimney inspector looked at the fireplace face, inspected inside the firebox, went up on the roof to examine the chimney, then crawled under the house while we waited for the diagnosis. "It's not bad," he said, and we both sighed.

It seems that the chimney had settled away from the house a little, just enough to create a gap that allowed smoke to escape onto the wall. It is a potentially dangerous situation that might have caused a wall fire. But the fix is fairly simple and not very expensive: Secure the fireplace to the house with bracing, fill in the gap, and make minor repairs to the firebox. That's it?

Well, the chimney throat is narrow

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You will love this beautifully maintained 3 bdrm home. Large living room and formal dining room, remodeled kitchen, breakfast room, arched ceilings and windows. Delightful redwood deck overlooking a lush, landscaped yard. Detached garage with workshop. Open Sun 2-4. 618 33rd Street, Richmond N&E. Call Rod Hodson 527-9111, 273-9515

**AFFORDABLE AND IN MOVE-IN CONDITION** \$145,000  
Lots of space in this 4 bedroom home in a great N&E location. Updated kitchen and bath, finished bonus room at back, hardwood floors, new central heating and fresh paint in and out. Clear termite. Open Sun 2-4. 648 33rd St. Rod Hodson 527-9111, 273-9515

**THREE YEARS YOUNG!** \$425,000  
Wonderful custom built 4BD/3BA home. High ceilings. Hardwood floors throughout. Formal dining room and family room. Custom drapes. Terri Huang 527-9111, 466-5891

**BEAUTIFUL VIEWS!** \$289,000  
Well maintained 4BD/3BA home. Great location for schools, shopping and the Mira Vista Country Club. Professionally landscaped yard. Terri Huang 527-9111, 466-5891

**VERY CUTE AND COZY HOME!** \$167,000  
Spacious and sunny two bedroom, one bath home. Move-in condition. Hardwood floors. Convenient for schools, shops, freeways and Plaza BART. Terri Huang 527-9111, 466-5891

**SPECTACULAR VIEWS!** \$495,000  
Panoramic Bay views from large deck adjoining living room, 3BD/2BA, used brick fireplace, tiled kitchen, family room, patio and fruit trees. Superb location. Merilyn Rhodes 527-9111, 466-5028

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**432 SCENIC AVENUE** \$795,000  
Spacious traditional on great block! Gourmet kitchen level out to patio & spa. Stunning library. 3bedrooms/3 baths incl. master suite w/views! SHEILA GALLAGHER

### Oakland/Berkeley - Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

**4938 COCHRANE AVE** NEW LISTING \$679,000  
4-year old new construction w/Bay, city & hill views from nearly every room. 3+1/2, formal living/dining & kitchen/family room that opens to deck & level garden. J. KARNAY

**1071 MILLER AVENUE** NEW LISTING \$399,000  
Berkeley - 3 bdrge views from glass walls, patios & gardens. Architectural 1940's w/open floor plan, soaring cedar ceilings, hwdw. floors. Spacious & light. 2/2 M. DELACROIX

**2034 ASILOMAR DRIVE** \$589,000  
Classic, architect-designed contemporary on beautiful, park-like setting w/gated entry. 3/2 w/state-of-the-art kitchen, formal dining room & family room. KAREN STARR

**5845 PATTON STREET** NEW LISTING \$353,000  
A charming Rockridge Mediterranean. Formal living & dining, updated kit w/sep breakfast rm, 3/1+ hwdw. Level yard & 2-car garage. C. ROGERS

**13250 CAMPUS DRIVE** NEW LISTING \$549,000  
Custom Ridgeman home, over 3400 sq. ft. 4/4, formal dining room, dramatic living room, huge eat-in kitchen, family room & storage. S. BENNINGER

**4210 MIDVALE AVENUE** NEW LISTING \$309,000  
Expansive South Bay views. Great condition 3 bedrooms. 1 bath up, 1 bedroom/1 bath down. Remodeled eat-in kitchen. Garden and garage. MICHELLE WINCHESTER

**13187 CAMPUS DRIVE** \$489,000  
This uniquely designed custom home features a SF view, level master suite, spacious great room, modern eat-in kitchen, formal dining room & spa. 3/2. S. BENNINGER

**4001 LAGUNA AVENUE** NEW LISTING \$289,000  
Remodeled bungalow w/hardwood floors, moldings & recessed lighting. 2+ bdrms & bath w/skylight, redwood & tile. 1-car garage, lawn & patio. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

**4927 STONERIDGE CT** NEW PRICE \$359,000  
Lovely Ridgeman home w/attractive landscaped grounds & private deck. Spacious family room, modern eat-in kitchen & formal dining room. 3/2.5. SHERRY BENNINGER

**4030 MAPLE AVENUE** NEW LISTING \$229,000  
Charming 1925 bungalow w/original details. Built-ins in dining room space, living room w/fireplace & kit w/breakfast nook. 2/1 + full basement. Move-in cond. B. BALESTRIERI

### Piedmont - By Appointment

**MAGNIFICENT NORMANDY** \$2,795,000  
Gorgeous grounds and wonderful views. 7 bedrooms/5.5 baths, library, family room and remodeled kitchen. Stunning details, in lovely condition. MARION SCHWARTZ

**ELEGANT ENGLISH** NEW LISTING \$1,195,000  
An impressive home with fine architectural detail & lovely gardens. 3+ bdrms den & comfortable family room. Located on a quiet street. M. SCOTT/VEIT

**GLEN ALPINE ROAD** \$2,700,000  
Historical French Country Estate on a level site. Soaring formal rooms, European library & luxurious master suite w/dual baths. 10+7/+ & guest house. SANDRA VOGL

**SPECTACULAR VIEWS** \$889,000  
A grand traditional w/gracious rooms on a double lot 5+bedrms/3 full baths w/4 bridge view. Fabulous outdoor living w/wonderful patio & gardens. D. GRUBB JR.

**PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN** \$1,850,000  
A beautiful Mediterranean w/dramatic architectural detailing & privacy. Updated kit & 6 bdrms. A. TUNNEY

**PRIME LOCATION** \$695,000  
Beautifully designed and maintained. Large family room w/built ins. 4/2.5 level out to garden. JEAN SIMMONS

**CRAFTSMAN TRADITION** NEW PRICE \$1,150,000  
Distinctive view home w/Bay views, lg rooms, many extras and pool. This very special 4 bedroom home is a rare find! Wonderful central Piedmont location. KATHERINE COOPER

**LOVELY CREEKSIDE SETTING** \$629,000  
Centrally located but private & secluded. The well-maintained home provides easy living w/Bay & canyon views from all rooms & decks. 3/2.5 w/large master & new bath. JEAN SIMMONS

**PIEDMONT ELEGANCE** NEW LISTINGS \$1,225,000  
Sophisticated Mediterranean style home from the 1920s. Grand rooms, Bay views & updated luxury. 4 bdrms, library, family room, au pair & large rec room. NANCY LEHRKIND



### By Appointment

**ORINDA PARADISE** \$2,850,000  
Architecturally significant estate offers a luxurious lifestyle on 1.6 acres of lush, secluded gardens with tennis court, pool, gym & guest cottage. J. ROACH/N. ROTHMAN

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS** NEW LISTING \$579,000  
Gracious traditional home, tastefully updated to maintain original character. Kitchen/family room overlooks the level grounds. 3+ bdrms/2.5 baths. JOHN KARNAY

**STUNNING CONTEMPORARY** \$1,200,000  
5-bridge views from most rooms. Stunning, like-new Contemporary. Master suite with sitting room. Caterer's kitchen with family room. A. WEI GRUBB

**SUNNY TUDOR GEM** \$499,000  
1930s Crocker Highlands Tudor w/patio & lawns 4 bedrooms/2.5 baths with original hardwood flrs., wood windows, iron railings & updated kit. N. ROTHMAN

**MEDITERRANEAN VILLA** \$985,000  
Designed by Michael Pierce. The Library Estates completion late '98. Approx. 4000 sq. ft. Library/den on main floor, guest suite & family room off kitchen. DEBRA DRYDEN

**VIEWS FROM MOST ROOMS** \$399,000  
9 year old Contemporary. 4+1/2+ kitchen/family room, decks & 2-car garage. Close to all conveniences. A. WEI GRUBB

**HILLCREST ESTATES** \$899,000  
Over 5 acres in Hillcrest Estates w/SF Bay & natural park land views. 3/3. Zoned for horses, the property includes a 4 horse barn w/tack room & hay loft. KURT BUCHHOLZ

**MONTCLAIR** COMING SOON! \$395,000  
Charming 1926 4 bdrm/2 bath w/3 plus rooms & au pair set up. Gourmet country kitchen & huge yard. Lots of light. Freshly painted inside & out. JUDY RANKANKAN

**IN THE HEART OF CLAREMONT** \$895,000  
On the park 1915 prairie-style home w/wonderful architectural details. 3+ bedrooms/3 baths, family room & separate artist's studio set in an English garden. NANCY ROTHMAN

**PIEDMONT PINES** \$389,000  
Views from most rooms 3/2 including a private master. Hwdw floors & lots of natural light. KURT BUCHHOLZ

**PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR** \$769,000  
Sensational 5 bdrm. home, incl. in-law apt, fabulous master suite w/fireplace & views. Versatile kit/fam. rm., level out deck & gardens. This won't last! ANIAN TUNNEY

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS** \$359,000  
Handsome traditional w/old world charm. Beautiful living room & dining room. Moldings & hardwood floors. 3/1 up rampus & bath down. Garden & patio. A. WEI GRUBB

**HILLCREST ESTATES** \$749,000  
Over an acre w/Bay views, this 5 bdrm/5 bath home is excellent for indoor/outdoor entertaining. Kitchen/family room combination, rumpus and pool. KURT BUCHHOLZ

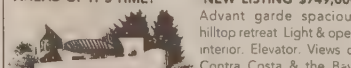
**CLAREMONT** NEW LISTING \$349,000  
Fabulous San Francisco views, wonderful location and great price! Deep, sunny rear garden. Three bedrooms & two full baths. Two-car carport. Must see! KAREN STARR

**AHEAD OF IT'S TIME!** NEW LISTING \$749,000  
Advent garde spacious hilltop retreat. Light & open interior. Elevator. Views of Contra Costa & the Bay! Exquisite style & design. 4 bdrms, plus den & exercise room. DEBRA DRYDEN

**CRESTMONT CONTEMPORARY** \$339,000  
Attractive Contemporary home with Bay views. Open floor plan. Spacious & comfortable. Vaulted ceilings. 3 bedrooms including master suite. Study/den. SUSANNE PAUL

**COZY IN THE WOODS** \$305,000  
Enjoy the ultimate in privacy in this lovely 3/2 Contemporary home. Au-pair w/sep. entrance. Level garden. Conveniently located. Not a drive by! MAVIS DELACROIX

**MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY** \$299,000  
Dramatic Contemporary w/Views of the valley. Surrounded by trees. 3/2, rec room + room to develop. NANCY LEHRKIND



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## Prudential hosts 'Fine Homes' forum

More than 100 Prudential California Realty real estate professionals from across Northern California recently attended the exclusive Fine Homes International Networking Reception.

The reception was held at the Bankers Club of San Francisco and was hosted by the Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc., a network of independently owned and operated real estate companies throughout North America. Fine Homes International is the luxury homes division of Prudential Real Estate.

The forum allowed for the exchange of ideas among Prudential California Realty agents who specialize in listing and selling luxury real estate properties throughout Northern California.

Topics of discussion included listing presentations, marketing

strategies for luxury homes, cooperative marketing programs and Fine Homes International marketing resources and tools.

"From advertising properties in the Global and Northern California editions of *The Wall Street Journal* to communicating with prospective buyers worldwide on the Internet, Prudential California Realty is dedicated to making it easier for affluent buyers worldwide to shop for luxury real estate throughout Northern California," said A. David Cobo, Prudential California Realty president and CEO.

"Additionally," said Cobo, "we are committed to supporting Prudential California Realty agents in the listing and selling of luxury properties."

Executives from Prudential California Realty and the Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.

outlined strategies to become the market-share leader among all national real estate networks in upper-tier properties by the year 2000.

"Members of the Prudential Real Estate Network consistently have been leaders in the Fine Homes market, which — by industry standard — are homes listed in the top 10 percent price bracket in their marketplace," said Jim Retz, manager of Fine Homes and Resort Properties for the Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. and Networking Reception coordinator.

Prudential California Realty, formerly Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, is one of Northern California's leading real estate companies, with more than 100 offices throughout the Bay Area and Northern California.

## Tarpooff...

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rower than it might optimally be. This fireplace might still have a tendency to smoke even after the bracing. If so, the throat could be rebuilt. But the crack in the tile is purely cosmetic; he'd fill it with grout and would epoxy the loose tiles on tightly. No big problem here. Wow!

In that same house, one inherited by our client who has never lived there, almost all of the floors were covered with worn and dirty carpeting. We were sure that there were hardwood floors under the carpet, but of course none of us knew what condition they were in. We asked our client if we could have the carpets removed and she agreed.

Taking up carpeting is not a complicated job; not much skill seems to be required. But like many simple-looking tasks, how

quickly and well it is done depends on the workman's care and attention. We have a friend who has removed carpets from houses for us before. He's strong, handsome and enthusiastic — attributes we enjoy.

We let him into this house and stood back as he quickly cut the carpet into manageable pieces, rolled them and piled them in his truck, then did the same with the padding. The floors look wonderful — clean, dark-stained narrow oak. There are no stains or other visible damage.

Our friend carefully removed the tack strips and staples that had

held the carpeting and the tiny holes could be wood putty but they are not as they are, so we leave them but we will floors washed and waxed. The whole house is cleaner and so much never fails to amaze me. Give me smart decisions workmen every time.

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### AGENT OF THE WEEK: SONJA MARKEN VELEZ

Sonja, a native of Bogota, Colombia has lived in Berkeley for 24 years. She has worked in the Bay Area for 14 years in Real Estate. Her biggest challenge is to match the right client with the right house at the right price. She is well known to be an excellent negotiator and really enjoys working in Real Estate. Sonja Marken Velez can be reached at Red Oak Realty (510) 527-3387, x121, or her home office (510) 526-3512.



Agent  
**Sonja Marken Velez**



Homebuyer  
**Barbara Zelwer**

### SATISFIED HOMEBUYER OF THE WEEK: BARBARA ZELWER

I first worked with Sonja Marken Velez in 1986. Two other women and I were looking for a property to share. Sonja understood our various needs at once and helped us find the perfect place. Again in 1997 she helped me find "the house of my dreams" and made the sale of my old home happen. Sonja goes above and beyond the call of duty. She is an extremely kind and patient person, able to help one through what is often a nerve-racking experience buying or selling a house. She is very perceptive and quick to grasp a person's peculiarities and gives good advice about property both for the short and long term. I have recommended her to many friends. She is extraordinary - on that we all agreed.

### HOMES OPEN SUNDAY

1459 Rifle Range Rd (2-4:30)	El Cerrito	4+bd/3+ba	\$799,000
1068 Spruce (2-4)	Berkeley	5bd/4+ba	\$675,000
266 Trinity (2-4)	Kensington	4bd/3ba	\$495,000
1139 Ivy Ct (2-4)	El Cerrito	4bd/3ba	\$489,000
3833 Sheffield Circle (Sat/Sun 1-5)	Danville	4bd/2ba	\$459,950
1194 Keith (2-4:30)	Berkeley	2+bd/2ba	\$429,000
2122 Los Angeles (2-4:30)	Berkeley	3bd/4ba	\$425,000
911 Tulare (2-4:30)	Berkeley	2+bd/1 5ba	\$320,000
1200 Colusa (2-4)	Berkeley	2bd/1ba	\$295,000
2437 Edwards (2-4)	El Cerrito	5bd/2ba	\$289,000
1216 Navellier (2-4)	El Cerrito	3bd/2ba	\$279,000
2330 Spaulding (2-4)	Berkeley	2bd/1ba	\$269,000
2420 Spaulding (2-4:30)	Berkeley	2bd/1ba	\$269,000
4300 Horton St #9 (2-4)	Emeryville	2bd/1+ba	\$239,000
1632 Curtis (2-4)	Berkeley	2bd/1ba	\$225,000

### BY APPOINTMENT

<b>ALBANY</b>			
2bd/1ba adorable starter w/art deco kit, frpl in LR, hwd flrs			\$199,000
2bd/2ba with view of hills! Fireplace			\$195,000
<b>BERKELEY</b>			
Magnificent 1000 Oaks 5bd/2.5ba craftsman. Sweeping vus			\$695,000
Wonderfully renovated Craftsman. 5bd/4+ba w/viest! Great loc.			\$675,000
Very special contemporary. 2bd/2.5ba home in forest! Exquisite			\$429,000
Home or duplex! 3bd/4ba in great nrhd. Oak flr, view, lg yard.			\$425,000
2+bd/1.5ba charming classic craftsman. Spacious			\$320,000
Great Northbrae cottage. Natural wood in LR/DR, private yard.			\$295,000
Fabulous 2bd/1ba w/great orig detail, plus rm, FDR, tree-lined st.			\$269,000
2bd/1ba Craftsman rich in architectural details! Workshop in rear			\$266,000

Exquisite wood detail 2+bd, workshop. Large yard	\$260,000
Lovely 2bd/1ba craftsman with box beams, built-ins	\$259,000
Rare townhome 2bd 1 5ba. half blk from the Solano Ave shops!	\$229,000
Warm, friendly, comfortable 2bd with inviting yard & office	\$225,000
West Berkeley 2 hse/work units Priv yard, deck, skylights	\$179K-\$185K
Bright & beautiful 1bd TTC unit in excellent north campus loc.	\$149,000
New listing! Small 2bd/1ba workman's cottage. Cosmetic fixer.	\$149,000
<b>DANVILLE</b>	
Immac. 4bd/2ba Bettencourt ranch hm. Many cust. upgrades	\$459,950
<b>EL CERRITO</b>	
Custom designed & built, 4bd/3ba home, 7 years old	\$799,000
New price! 4+bd/3ba E.C. hills. Pano Bay view! Move-in cond.	\$489,000
New listing! 2+bd/3.5ba home with SF & bay views!	\$369,000
3bd/2ba creekside home. Buy now & work with developer.	\$335,000
E.C. Hills 5bd/2ba w/pano views thru floor to ceiling windows	\$289,000
Delightfully remodeled 3bd/2ba nestled on hillside natural area	\$279,000

<b>EMERYVILLE</b>	
New listing! 2bd/1+ba 1,400 sf loft with concrete finishes.	\$239,000
<b>KENSINGTON</b>	
4bd/3ba traditional w/pano bay views! Flex flr plan w/2 kitchens.	\$495,000
<b>OAKLAND</b>	
Wonderful, charming, spacious, sunny 2bd/1ba, fireplace, yard.	\$239,500
<b>RICHMOND</b>	
3bd/2ba bungalow. Remod mst suite w/big views! Sunken LR.	\$175,000
New list! 2bd/1ba 2 extra rooms! Mt. Tam sunsets!	\$172,000

<b>SAN LEANDRO</b>	
Mint quality upgrades galore! 3bd/2ba, pano view!	\$219,000
<b>LOTS/LAND/COMMERCIAL</b>	
Leased retail center - near BART & UC Berkeley.	\$7,500/mo
Newer architect designed office building.	\$1,000/mo
El Cerrito lot. Located on a creek.	\$125,000
Elmwood. Established bakers business oppor. with good lease.	\$85,000
Cafe business opportunity and lease! No. side loc. near UC	\$65,000
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4-plex, N. Berkeley. Old world charm, near UC, Gourmet Ghetto	\$499/mo
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ALAMEDA	535 Pierce St. #1315 - \$190,000
1170 9th St. #9 - \$120,000	837 Stannage Ave. - \$229,000
1 Bordwell Ct. - \$297,500	BERKELEY
1810 Central Ave. - \$153,000	2117 9th St. - \$200,000
373 Channing Way - \$335,500	1901 Grant St. - \$330,000
1387 Crown Dr. - \$227,000	1518 Hawthorne Tr - \$715,000
208 Harborwood Ct. - \$297,000	1309 Kains Ave. - \$163,000
712 Enns Rd. - \$279,000	714 Keeler Ave. - \$125,000
325 Kitty Hawk #216 - \$111,000	1186 Laurel St. - \$447,000
3116 Marina Dr. - \$165,000	1745 Lincoln St. - \$262,000
9 Nakayama Cir. - \$563,500	2524 McGee Ave. - \$203,000
752 Pacific Ave. - \$243,000	2328 Parker St. - \$171,000
169 Parfait Ln. - \$265,000	1356 Rose St. - \$281,000
1820 Sun Jose Ave. - \$496,000	1805 Rose St. - \$275,000
628 Sandalwood Is. - \$366,000	1236 Russell St. - \$156,500
3437 Tonga Ln. - \$227,000	1622 Scenic Ave. - \$315,000
1112 Union St. - \$197,000	801 The Alameda - \$640,000
1327 Webster St. - \$210,000	EL CERRITO
ALBANY	215 Carmel Ave. - \$299,000
848 Madison St. - \$245,000	1080 Contra Costa Dr. - \$326,000
1014 Peralta Ave. - \$247,000	536 Kearney St. - \$236,500
555 Pierce St. #1144 - \$165,000	7772 Stockton Ave. - \$245,000
535 Pierce St. #1313 - \$187,000	2555 Tamalpais Ave. - \$259,000

## Tantau

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stand out in my mind were Bott's (perfection in ice cream), Cole's Shoes, The Ivy Shop, and Ozzie's Drug Store.

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will always be a lure to College Avenue. It will continue to change with the fads of the day but it will always be a hot spot.

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3762 ELSTON.....\$329,500  
3BD/2BA. New listing in Glenview. Perfect blend of original Mediterranean charm and 1990's updates. Remodeled kitchen, bonus room for rec or home office. Truly in move in condition. Dennis Humes 534-4500

## BY APPOINTMENT

NEW CUSTOM IN MONTCLAIR.....\$585,988  
4BD/3BA Super details & all amenities. Flexible floor plan & bonus 3rd level for office or extended family. Dennis Humes 534-4500

NEWER HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD.....\$289,900  
3BD/2.5BA. Including sep. master suite. Double wide lot, decks, filtered views. 2 car garage. Great for SF commute. Bill Miller 534-4500

BERKELEY DUPLEX.....\$340,000  
In popular Westbrae. New listing. 2BD + 1BD unit to help with the payment. Hardwood floors, some updating. Tim Martini 287-9999

NORTH OAKLAND.....As is values. \$119,000 and \$115,000  
2 houses near Berkeley. One 4BD and one 3BD. Zoned commercial. Tim Martini 287-9999

BERKELEY BUNGALOW.....\$186,000  
2BD/2.5BA. New kitchen, bonus spaces, wonderful yards. Convenient to 4th Street shopping. Phil Fair 287-9999

THREE BEDROOM BARGAIN.....\$149,000  
New roof, fresh painting, updated bath & termite repairs completed. Close to popular Laurel District Shopping. Terry Chang 893-4539

LAKE MERRITT PENTHOUSE.....\$217,500  
2+BD/2BA. Bonus space for home office. Phil Fair 287-9999

## INVESTMENTS

OAKLAND HILLS FOURPLEX.....\$259,000  
Two 2BD units & two 1BD units. Garages and laundry. Bill Clark 287-9999

SAN LEANDRO.....\$229,000  
Duplex w/2BD units + detached studio. Bob Brunner 763-9265

MIXED USE OPPORTUNITY.....\$169,000  
3 apartments + storefront. North Oakland area. Lucy Meyer 287-9999

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7466 Tr Dr. - \$408,000	EL SOBRANTE	5351 Broadway - \$366,000
900 Appian Knoll Ct. - \$147,500	60 Baileys Ln. - \$205,000	6126 Buena Ventura - \$198,000
600 Donna Mac Ct. - \$159,000	476 Pebble Tr. - \$170,000	300 Caldecott #318 - \$160,000
EMERYVILLE	3 Admiral Dr. #360F - \$120,000	7 Clippier Hill - \$475,000
2 Anchor Dr. #F292 - \$121,000	6363 Christie #1004 - \$140,000	839 Creed Rd. - \$350,000
6363 Christie #1021 - \$103,500	6363 Christie #2327 - \$243,000	3950 Delmont Ave. - \$157,000
KENSINGTON	1623 Oakview Ave. - \$341,500	4638 Dolores Ave. - \$265,000
91 Stratford Rd. - \$330,000	OAKLAND	5812 Dover St. - \$165,000
1926 104th Ave. - \$87,000	2980 107th Ave. - \$157,000	7924 Earl St. - \$115,000
1703 16th Ave. - \$137,000	2655 61st St. - \$298,000	1800 East 22nd St. - \$95,000
2855 62nd Ave. - \$153,000	1832 68th Ave. - \$106,000	2340 East 23rd St. - \$131,000
1137 89th Ave. - \$95,000	6465 Ascot Dr. - \$90,000	2166 East 24th St. - \$108,500
5143 B'way Terr. #201 - \$88,500	6160 B'way Terr. - \$341,000	1326 East 28th St. - \$150,000
6317 B'way Terr. - \$315,000	1882 Melvin Rd. - \$350,000	5243 Golden Gate - \$507,000

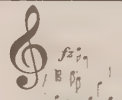


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## FRESH ON THE MARKET:

309 Harborlight Rd. Large So. Shore home. Steps to beach. 4 bd, 3 ba, Fam rm. \$379,950  
2964 Southwood Dr. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room. Fernside District. \$469,000  
965 Shorepoint Ct. #304. Top floor location. \$92,000  
1500 Alameda Ave. #E. 2 BD, 2 BA. PRICE REDUCED!! \$139,900

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40 UNITS. \$795,000 Moon Tam, 747-1620.

BIG HOME GOOD FOR BIG FAMILY. Four bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, detached garage. Moon Tam, 747-1620.

TREE LINED STREET. Low maintenance with lots of potential. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, fireplace in living room, close to everything. Moon Tam, 747-1620.

BUNGALOW STYLE HOME PRICED TO SELL. TWO PLUS bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. New roof, new water heater, new carpet and interior paint. Low maintenance yard, long driveway. Moon Tam, 747-1620.

PRICE REDUCED! HOME WITH VIEW OF THE BAY ON ITS OWN PRIVATE DRIVE. Large living, dining & family rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,300 sq. ft. A must see at \$339,000. Debbie Budd, 748-1806.

VACANT LAND. This lot is on an improved road at the south end of Florence. Call Don Lindsey, 748-1798.

TWO UNITS. Separately metered, a 2 bedroom and a 1 bedroom. Call Fred Hobbs, 748-1774.

3rd FLOOR CORNER CONDO UNIT. Two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, close to UC Berkeley. Light & airy. Call Sharon Greene, 923-9421.

MIXED USE BUILDING. Store front with two - 3 bedroom units. Full basement and mezzanine. Moon Tam, 747-1620.

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7940 Ney Ave. - \$127,500	4061 Whittle Ave. - \$210,000
5040 Proctor Ave. - \$689,000	811 York St. - \$155,000
3824 Quigley St. - \$145,000	PIEDMONT
6100 Ridgmont Dr. - \$429,000	330 El Cerrito Ave. - \$679,000
849 Santa Ray Ave. - \$389,000	1614 Grand Ave. - \$550,000
6366 Sunnyside Ave. - \$152,000	2045 Oakland Ave. - \$550,000
4058 Suter St. - \$152,500	358 Wildwood Ave. - \$550,000
3890 Whittle Ave. - \$232,000	RICHMOND

## FEATURED HOME OF THE WEEK

## 3708 VICTOR AVE. — OAKLAND



Located at the sunny corner of Victor and Atlas in beautiful Redwood Heights. This home has a 2,846 square feet of living space and has 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Do you have a home office?? This home would be great for you. You need a place for the children to play?? This home would be great for you. There is a 2-car attached garage with interior access. Bring the whole family to the OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY or call for your private showing. \$320,000. GADSBY & ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE, home of the BEST BUYERS REBATE. Call now 510 748-5300.

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3475 MARGARITA - Oakland,  
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2+BD/1.5BA, Pending inspection but  
seller would love a back-up offer  
ASKING: \$240,000

- MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY - 7255 Saroni Dr. - PENDING! 4BD/2.5BA, level side yard. Needs some cosmetics. LISTED AT: \$299,000
- OAKLAND - 3533 Oak Knoll Blvd. - PENDING! Well maintained starter with level yard. 3BD/1BA. LISTED AT: \$212,000
- OAKLAND - 8024 Earl St. - PENDING! 2BD/1BA, large rear yard. Garage converted to family room. LISTED AT: \$153,000

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## Oakland

\$125,000 3844 MAYBELLE. A large 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA condo in a quiet neighborhood above MacArthur. Located in a small complex with fireplace and covered parking. Russ Grant 814-4713

\$130,000 2633 HAROLD. REDUCED PRICE! Walk-out 2 BD, 1 BA home in the Dimond District. Formal dining, large bright kitchen, separate large lot with lemon trees & a detached 1-car garage. To be sold "as is." Terry Lee 521-3352

\$139,500 6470 MACARTHUR. Two townhouse-style units in good condition! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. Close to Mills College. Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

\$169,000 3148 MAXWELL AVE. Family home located in lovely Maxwell Park! Two bedrooms, 1 bath. Plumbing in basement. New granite bathroom and a plus room. Large yard and attached garage. Terry Lee 521-3352

\$245,000 4949 CORONADO. A 2-unit fixer-upper in a great location! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. To be sold "as is." Don Gutierrez 814-4854

## Montclair

\$485,000 6415 CHELTON. A lovely country describes this house. With detached office/studio. Full kitchen, dining room, country kitchen, wood floors, plus room for office and much more! Margaret Lomba 521-7193

## Berkeley

\$139,500 921 CHANNING WAY. Darling single level 1 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow with hardwood floors, inset ceilings, formal dining room, great yard, garage and walk to transportation & Aquatic Center. Patti Trail 814-4826

\$460,000 1910 SAN ANTONIO. Custom 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with detached office/studio. Full kitchen, dining room, wood floors, plus room for office and much more! Margaret Lomba 521-7193

## Hayward

\$209,500 25840 SCRIPPS. A beautiful Southgate area. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, full bath on 3rd floor. Great fireplace, new carpet, new interior paint, new shower & vanity in master suite, large rear yard. Steve Cressy 814-4818

## Fremont

\$325,000 5418 ONTARIO. Best of the Best! Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with hardwood floors, plantation shutters, vaulted ceiling and custom window coverings. Walk to park and school. Ringo Liu 814-4843

## Pleasanton

\$460,000 2761 SANDERLING WAY. A beautiful 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with hardwood floors, plantation shutters, vaulted ceiling, custom window coverings. Walk to park and school. Ringo Liu 814-4843



## Homes...

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14582 Birch St. - \$175,000  
 426 Caliente Dr. - \$112,500  
 676 Elderberry Way - \$253,000  
 1241 Esser Ave. - \$180,000  
 2332 Fairway Dr. - \$128,000  
 716 Greer Ave. - \$165,000  
 14759 Harold Ave. - \$118,000  
 933 Helen Ave. - \$229,000  
 1876 London Ave. - \$200,000  
 14764 Martell Ave. - \$172,000  
 3551 Monterey Blvd. - \$189,000  
 1939 North Blvd. - \$157,000  
 15157 Norton St. - \$180,000  
 1519 Oriole Ave. - \$104,000  
 14967 Portofino Cir. - \$236,000  
 2252 Regatta Cir. - \$285,000  
 1650 Vistagrand Dr. - \$283,000  
 16668 Winding Blvd. - \$185,000

**SAN LORENZO**  
 574 Grant Ave. - \$112,000  
 197 Loma Verde Dr. - \$98,000  
 16064 Penn Ave. - \$135,000  
 1802 Via Barrett - \$194,000  
 15900 Via Del Sol - \$181,000  
 16158 Via Media - \$159,000  
 16216 Via Sonora - \$188,000

**SALES STATS BY CITY**  
**ALAMEDA**  
 TOTAL SALES: 17  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$563,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$261,911

**ALBANY**  
 TOTAL SALES: 6  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$165,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$247,000

**AVERAGE PRICE: \$210,500**  
**BERKELEY**  
 TOTAL SALES: 14  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$156,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$715,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$334,535

**EL CERRITO**  
 TOTAL SALES: 6  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$236,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$408,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$295,583

**EL SOBRANTE**  
 TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$147,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$205,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$170,375

**EMERYVILLE**  
 TOTAL SALES: 5

**LOWEST PRICE: \$103,500**  
**HIGHEST PRICE: \$243,000**  
**AVERAGE PRICE: \$145,500**  
**KENSINGTON**  
 TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$330,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$341,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$335,750

**OAKLAND**  
 TOTAL SALES: 49  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$82,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$689,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$246,193

**PIEDMONT**  
 TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$530,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$972,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$682,875


**RICHMOND**  
 TOTAL SALES: 10  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$83,000

**HIGHEST PRICE: \$225,000**  
**AVERAGE PRICE: \$149,950**  
**SAN LEANDRO**  
 TOTAL SALES: 22  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$104,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$306,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$191,659

**SAN LORENZO**  
 TOTAL SALES: 7  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$98,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$194,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$152,428

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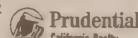


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188 CAPRICORN AVE - New Listing! - Montclair contemporary with views, garden & privacy.  
 3BD/2.5BA, family rm, formal DR, hardwood, skylight, +++  
 Pat Whittingslow.....\$469,000

5029 VIRMAR - Rockridge charm - 3BD and 2 big "plus" rooms, gleaming hardwood floors, sweet level yard & loads of charm. Prime location!  
 Terry Kulka.....\$399,000

4022 EXETER - Wooded Retreat - Yet close to Montclair. 3BD/2.5BA, large deck in back. Stone fireplace & hwdw floors in living room. Attached 2-car garage.  
 Donna Conroy.....\$349,000

1670 MOUNTAIN BLVD. - Wow! Walk to Village - Charming traditional. 3BD/1BA, plus room. Big private yard. Close to everything.  
 Ellen Lancaster.....\$335,000

3028 LINWOOD - Glenview Gem - Light & bright 3BD/1+BA with Craftsman charm, hardwood, built-ins & fabulous deck & yard for entertaining.  
 Lynne Bantle.....\$315,000

5131 MCDONELL - Private Lane - Cute but needs updating. Huge lot 1/2 acre. 2BD/1BA, very woody - like a park. Great for expansion!  
 Kay Grubb.....\$198,000

## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

6010 BULLARD DR.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD/3BA.....\$795,000.....JOAN ALFORD

6095 FAIRLANE.....MONTCLAIR.....5BD/4.5BA.....\$749,000.....KAREN LUM

7971 SANFORD.....OAKLAND.....3BD/1BA.....\$179,000.....ELENA STONE

1007 ASHMOND.....CROCKER HGHILDS.....3BD/2.5BA.....\$519,000.....RUBY NG

9099 HARBORD.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD/2BA.....\$525,000.....ADRIANA GIACOMELLI

4647 REINHARDT DR.....OAKLAND.....3BD/2BA.....\$267,000.....GEORGE KARSANT

1056 NORWOOD.....CROCKER HGHILDS.....2BD/1BA.....\$299,000.....EVELYN WALKER

## BY APPOINTMENT • 339-1174

OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

**CLAREMONT PINES.....\$1,095,000**  
 Absolutely stunning newer Spanish Mediterranean.  
 4BD/3.5BA. Private patios and gardens. Fabulous style and appointments.  
 James Duffy

**WATERFRONT HOME - REDUCED!.....\$1,075,000**  
 Elegant French Mediterranean architectural designed on Bay w/with SF/Bridge views!! 4BD/4BA, gourmet kitchen, hand wrought details.  
 Pat Whittingslow

**RARE FIND.....\$989,000**  
 High in Oakland hills, one of a kind. Elegant Mediterranean estate. Impressive grounds, meld the living area with nature.  
 Donna Conroy

**A FRENCH CHATEAU.....\$899,000**  
 Amidst lushly landscaped grounds, this gated 12 room residence offers the ultimate fine living. A must see. 4BD/4BA.  
 Fritz Hochfeller

**LOADS OF SPACE!.....\$679,000**  
 Over 4,000 sq. ft., 5BD/3.5BA, home office, family room, loft room, solarium, wine room, 2 master suites & more!  
 Vicky Faulk

**STYLISH PIEDMONT.....\$559,000**  
 An ideally located home, providing the elements for today's lifestyle. Lots of light, easy indoor/outdoor living.  
 Adrienne Broché

**CHARMING DUPLEX.....\$329,000**  
 Great location. Great for owner. 2BD/1BA & 1BD/1BA, show like homes. Fireplace, hardwood floors. Parking, tons of storage!  
 Donna Conroy

**PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR.....\$269,000**  
 Soaking ceilings, walls of glass, radiant heat. Landscaped yard. Walk to Village. Won't last!  
 George Karsant

**MONTCLAIR.....\$249,000**  
 Charming 2BD/2BA, 2 fireplaces, private setting, large lot. Close to 13 at 24.  
 Adriana Giacomelli

**CONDO ON GOLF COURSE!.....\$239,000**  
 Bright unit looks out to golf course. 2BD/2BA, hwdw floors, gas fireplace. Location, location!  
 Judy Maher

**SPANISH CHARM!.....\$219,000**  
 Charming updated Spanish bungalow with eat-in kitchen. Spacious living and dining rooms. 2BD/1BA, downstairs rooms.  
 Michael Thompson

**A SLEEPER FOR YOU.....\$219,000**  
 A best value: space, condition & location! 2BD/1.5BA plus excellent family room, yard, detached office. Buy smart!  
 Rachel Baller

**ROOMS WITH VIEW!.....\$219,000**  
 Townhome in Oakland hills with south bay views. Pride of ownership. 2BD/2BA, fireplace, hwdw floors, added home office, WOW!  
 Donna Conroy

**CUTE, CUTE & CLASSIC!.....\$189,000**  
 Adorable 2BD/1BA California bungalow in the Laurel district. Hardwood floors, fireplace, built-ins, formal dining room & breakfast nook. Gorgeous yard and garden.  
 Stacy Winett

## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

2129/2131 DERBY.....BERKELEY.....DUPLEX.....\$379,000.....DAVE MOSS

1421 JOSEPHINE.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/2BA.....\$350,000.....CHERYL CAHN

1178 EUCLID #2.....BERKELEY.....1BR/2BA.....\$165,000.....JOAN BARNETT

1451 10TH ST.....BERKELEY.....DUPLEX.....\$330,000.....TINA ENSIGN

1709 ADDISON.....BERKELEY.....2BR/2BA.....\$215,000.....KAREN BRAND

1555 BEVERLY PL.....BERKELEY.....3BR/1.5BA.....\$382,000.....KIM CLEVELAND

1013 KEY ROUTE.....ALBANY.....2BR/1BA.....\$238,000.....MAMOOD MOKTARI

1517 KEY ROUTE.....ALBANY.....2BR/1BA.....\$229,000.....RITA ZWERDLING

77 CHELTON.....MONTCLAIR.....4BR/2BA.....\$389,000.....DIANA KAY

631 SO. 37TH.....RICHMOND N&E.....2BR/1BA.....\$110,000.....PAT BRENNAN

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

**BERKELEY MEDITERRANEAN.....\$382,000**  
 WITH BAY VIEWS.  
 Great location on popular street, walk to Monterey Market or Solano Avenue. 3BR/1.5BA, remodeled kitchen, large dining room with built-ins, hardwood floors plus landscaped level back yard!

**BERKELEY HILLS CRAFTSMAN.....\$399,000**  
 Desirable street! Two story home, 3BR/1.5BA, beautiful hardwood floors, built-ins, formal dining with wainscoting. Nice yard.

**WARM TRADITIONAL IN MONTCLAIR.....\$389,000**  
 Charming Piedmont Pines/Montclair exquisite setting. 4BR/2BA, bay views. 2 car garage. Large master, Good storage. Extra buildable lot available. Patio garden. A special place!

**TOTALLY RESTORED EDWARDIAN IN BERKELEY.....\$379,000**  
 This duplex has lots of light, high ceilings & gleaming hardwood floors! Large park-like backyard! 2BR/1BA up, 1BR/1BA down. Perfect for owner occupant. Vacant, move right in!

**SPACIOUS NORTH BERKELEY CRAFTSMAN.....\$350,000**  
 JUST LISTED! You can have it all! The convenience of a walk-around neighborhood in the Gourmet Ghetto and the comfort of a 3+BR/2BA home with a large family room. Sited on an oversized lot with a pleasant back yard.

**BERKELEY DUPLEX.....\$330,000**  
 2 houses, 3BR/2BA & 2BR/1BA. Perfect for partners or investment properties. Great condition! Vacant!

**NORTH BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLE.....\$299,000**  
 Needs some updating, but beautiful bones. Has wainscoting, boxed beam ceilings and leaded glass. Hardwood floors, 2BR/1.5BA, quiet, private, fenced yard. Walk to Gourmet Ghetto.

**PLENTY OF ROOM IN EL CERRITO.....\$245,000**  
 REDUCED! Just painted and ready to go! Centrally located 3BR/1.5BA home with lots of extra spaces for office and hobby. Pretty landscaping, low maintenance.

**COZY ALBANY SPLIT-LEVEL.....\$238,000**  
 JUST LISTED! Beautiful back yard. Wonderful block near shops, freeway and all conveniences. New exterior paint. Excellent school system. 2BR/1BA.

**BEGINNER'S BUNGALOW IN ALBANY.....\$229,000**  
 Delightful craftsman style! 2BR/1BA, hwdw floors, fireplace, dining room and an updated kitchen combine to make a great starter home! A deep yard and garage, near Solano & BART.

**CENTRAL BERKELEY CHARMER.....\$215,000**  
 JUST LISTED! Walk to Berkeley Rep & shops. 2BR/2BA, large dining room, corner fireplace. Laundry. Shop plus room downstairs!

**NORTH BERKELEY CHARMER.....\$165,000**  
 JUST LISTED! 1BR/1BA recent quality remodeled TIC New kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, patio. Great North Berkeley location near park. Off-street parking. Dream no more!

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# Coldwell Banker index adds some local flavor

According to Coldwell Banker's annual Home Price Comparison Index, a 2,000-square-foot home in Montclair costs \$396,558 compared to \$812,225 for a similar-sized home in the study's most expensive market — Beverly Hills. The index's most affordable market was Killeen, Texas where the average sales price was \$100,350.

The annual index evaluates and indexes the average sales price of similar homes in typical middle management transferee neighborhoods in more than 300 markets across the nation, Canada and Puerto Rico. The "subject home" is a single family dwelling approximately 2,200 square feet with four bedrooms, two and one-half baths, a family room and a two-car garage.

"This study demonstrates the diverse home values across the country, showing a wide contrast in home prices between America's most affordable and most expensive markets," said Avram

Goldman, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Northern California. "The Bay Area is one of the most nationally and internationally recognizable desirable places to live in the world. Our strong economy creates strong buyer demand, which bolsters property values."

According to the study, the Western Region of the United States has the highest cumulative average price for the subject home, \$255,157, followed by the Northeast, \$250,163, the Midwest, \$184,566, and the Southeast, \$160,099.

The average price of all homes surveyed rose approximately 7.3 percent to \$221,010 as compared with \$205,886 last year. The American city that came closest to the study's national average sales price is Santa Maria, California where the average home price is \$221,663.

The Coldwell Banker Home Price Comparison features an in-

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## EVENTS

The Events Calendar does not accept-for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley, is the place to plan your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Fri., July 17, the center presents Kitchen Cabinet and Counter Installation: Hands On with builder Glen Kitzberger. Come to BEC on Sat., July 18 for structural engineer Tony DeMoscole's seminar Earthquake Retrofitting. Then from Mon., July 20 to Sat. July 25 BEC presents its annual six-day intensive Homeowners Essential Course: How to Build, Remodel and Maintain Your Home with builder Glen Kitzberger. Call the BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Discover Oakland's changing skyline, landmarks, churches and high-rises on one of the Free Guided Walking Tours sponsored

by the City's Community and Economic Development Agency. On Sat., July 18 at 10 a.m., tour Oakland's Churches and Temples. Visit three historic places of worship and learn about their influence on Oakland's development. Meet at the First Presbyterian Church on Broadway at 27th Street. Join us at 10 a.m., Wed., July 22 in front of Oakland's historic City Hall to tour the Downtown Historic District. This tour highlights the newly designated district and includes the Tribune Tower, Beaux Arts style Broadway Building and other early-20th-century commercial landmarks. Call 238-3234 for more information about these and six other free tours.

Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present the free workshop Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying Your Own Home, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat. July 18 in El Cerrito. Rub shoulders with other women who want to buy a home. Learn about investigating your best neighborhoods, setting priorities,

teaming with industry professionals and get an overview of the process. Become an educated consumer regarding loan/income qualifications and documentation, loan and interest rate choices and advertising. Learn strategies to minimize closing costs. Educational materials included. Reservations are required. Call 718-2134 or e-mail at karenward@reloan.com.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority presents a free Basic Compost Workshop, from 2 to 4 p.m., Sun. July 26 (rain or shine) at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building in Oakland. Learn how to compost yard and kitchen waste and transform trash into fertilizer. Call 444-SOIL for more information.

Willie Foster of Prudential California Realty and Claudette Station of Home Savings of America present a free Home Buyers Seminar and Workshop from 6 to 8 p.m., Wed., Aug. 5 at 3575 San

Pablo Dam Road in Richmond. Anyone interested in buying a home at a time when rates are low should learn more about the program. Able to allow a homebuyer into a home for less than rental. Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Call 7644. Leave your name, number and mailing address.

Oakland's One-Stop Shop (OSCS), 519 17th Ave. in Oakland, provides a series of low-cost small-business mental workshops available public on an ongoing basis. Include Goal Setting, Legal Aspects of Small Business, Marketing and Advertising, Understanding Business Plans. Call 273-6000 for space or to receive information about other seminars.

Consumer Credit Service, a nonprofit service organization in Oakland, presents a series of free workshops.

See EVENTS on

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

## OAKLAND \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

**16024 BROADWAY TERR** 5/3 Pano 5-bdr view, mstr ste retreat, - \$1,260,000  
"Smart Wiring", amazing quality & detail, courtyard w/fountain, gated entry.  
Land West Real Estate Jon Dunn 533-1492 11-4

**6036 WOOD DR.** 4/3 2 Imagine yourself in 1920 Hollywood! \$975,000  
Prudential CA 845-0200 Liz Stevens 528-9284, 530-7319

**6301 ACACIA** Upper Rockledge 4/3 Roman Villa. New. Gorgeous! \$925,000  
Prudential CA 428-0900 N. Hinkley 644-5440

**6174 MAZUELA DR.** Montclair 4/4 Beautiful tract, new construction. \$995,000  
SF vws, lg kit/fam rm w/ frpc, 3-car garage. Pacific Union Patricia Scott 339-6460

**6024 ASCOT DR** Montclair 4+/3.5 One-of-a-kind hidden hacienda. \$995,000  
Mucho tile. LaSalle Properties Mel Copland 339-8900

**10 VILLANOVA LN** Montclair 4/3 Fabulous! New! Views! Level yard. \$859,000  
Prudential CA 428-0900 N. Hinkley 644-5440

**4 STRATHMORE DR** Claremont Knolls 4+/3.5 Bay and canyon views! \$835,000  
J.H. Tarm Company Realtors 510-465-5313

**226 GRAVATT DR.** Claremont Hills 4/3, 5-yr old contemp w/pano vws. \$795,000  
Stylish decor, 3 dks, kit/fr, prvt mstr ste. Pacific Union Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

**6010 BULLARD DR** Pied side Montclair 3+/2.5 Mstr see setting! Bay view. \$795,000  
Mini soccer area, updated kit, bths, FDR, frpc. Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Joan Alford

**6776 ESTATES DR** Montclair 5/4 Large private home. Fabulous views! \$795,000  
LaSalle Properties Harry Kress 339-8900

**14 CHANCELLOR PL.** 4/3 New Med w/pano vw. Perf for entertaining. \$789,000  
Gourmet kit/fr w/fr, FDR, Lux mstrste. Wells & Bennett Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

**7095 FAIRLANE** Montclair hills. 5/4.5 New construction. Granite kitchen. \$749,000  
Light & bright. Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Karen Lum

**321 CREIGHTON WY** Best w/ in town! Soring cells, granit & hwdws. 2 frpcs \$739,000  
Fabulous kitchen & much more! Wells & Bennett Rose Marie Bero 531-1367

**4938 COCHRANE AV** Upper Rockledge 3+/2.5 Bay, city & hill vws. 4yrs old. \$679,000  
Frm LR/DR & kit/fam rm opens to dk & M gardn. GRUBB Co. John Karmay 339-0400

**6360 BACON RD** Skyline 3/2 Almost 3 acs + Bay vws. Horses poss or \$665,000  
yr own vineyard + pool & patio. Wells & Bennett Wendy Callaghan 531-7000 X237

**128 VICENTE RD** Claremont 3/3.5 Dramatic custom w/SF view. Separate \$669,000  
au-pair. Montclair Better Homes 339-8400

**2034 SEILWATER** Montclair 3/2 Classic, architect-designed contemp, beaut. \$689,000  
park-like setting w/level in-gated entry. State-of-the-art kitchen, formal DR & fam rm.  
The GRUBB Co. Karen Starr 339-0400

**13260 CAMPUS DR** Ridgemont 4/4 Spac. custom home w/cyn & SF vws. \$649,000  
FDR, dramatic LR, huge EIK, FR & Strg. GRUBB Co. Sherry Benninger 339-0400

**5099 HARBOR DR** Pied side Montclair 3/2 Lvl hm w/wooded LR & skylite. \$625,000  
fam rm w/frpc, remod kit, patio/ld. Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Adriana Giacomelli

**1007 ASHMON** Crocker Highlands 3/2.5 Beaut. 1929 Med, lovely archwys \$619,000  
art niche, built-ins & more. Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Ruby Ng

**2649 STOCKBRIDGE DR** Piedmont Pines 3/2 Fabulous view of SF/Bridges! \$489,000  
Hdwd frs, FDR, Montclair Better Homes RE 339-8400

**13187 CAMPUS DR** Ridgemont 3/2 Custom home w/sweeping SF vw, M yd, \$489,000  
spacious mstr ste & sauna. The GRUBB Co. Sherry Benninger 339-0400

**188 CAPRICORN AV** Montclair 3/2.5 New List! Contemp w/vws, grdn & priv. \$469,000  
Fam rm & FDR, skylite,+++ Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Pat Whittinglow

**5829 VIKRAM** Rockledge charm 3BD & 2 big + rms. Hdwd frs, sweet \$399,000  
M yd & load of charm. Prime Location! Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Terry Kulka

**6895 AITKEN** Montclair 4/3, 1st Open! Contemp. flexible floor plan. \$399,000  
Large gourmet kit. Coldwell Banker Orinda Linda Van Drent 840-7261

**688 MANDADA BL** Crocker Highlands. Trad whdwd & parquet frs, lg rms, \$390,000  
3BR, 2+ rms, brkfst rm. Sunny, delightful. Wells & Bennett Stan Hammond 839-5846

**1328 TREBLE GLEN** Crocker Highlands 3/1 First open! 1 level, large \$389,000  
yard, spacious. LaSalle Properties Nick Lavrov 339-8900

**77 CHELTON LN** Montclair 4BR/2BA \$389,000  
Coldwell Banker Diana Kay 486-1465

**659 BROADMOOR** 4/2, 1st open! Stunning restoration of craftsman on \$365,000  
1/4 acre lot. Montclair Better Homes 339-4000

**4927 STONRIDGE CT** Ridgemont 3/2.5 w/attractive landscpd grnds & dk \$359,000  
Spacious fam rm, modern EIK & FDR. The GRUBB Co. Sherry Benninger 339-0400

**2177 ARROWHEAD DR** Montclair 4/2 New listing! Walls of glass, remodel. \$359,000  
LaSalle Properties Victor Fierro 339-8900

**6936 BALBOA DR** Montclair 3/2.5 Woodsy, private, superb condition. \$359,000  
Great light. Sparkles! LaSalle Properties Mel Copland 339-8900

**6545 PATTON ST** Rockledge 3/1+ Charm Med. Fm LR/DR, updt kit \$353,000  
w/sep brkfst rm. Hdws Lvl yd, garage. The GRUBB Co. Connie Rogers 339-0400

**3480 ROBINSON DR.** Country setting. Lovely 4bdrm-den. \$349,000  
Remodeled kitchen & baths. Don Morris RE 886-2900

**7022 EXETER** 3/2.5 Wooded retreat close to Mont. Lg dk in bck. Stone frpl \$349,000  
& hdwd fr in LR, attached 2-car garage. Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Donna Conroy

**6835 ALHAMBRA** Montclair 4/2.5 Magnificent canyon view, 3 levels, 2 frpc \$347,000  
Hdwd frs. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000

**1670 MOUNTAIN BL** 3/1 Walk to Village. Charm. trad. + rm, big private \$335,000  
yard. Close to everything. Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Ellen Lancaster

**8060 PHAETON** Oakland Hills 5/2 Eichler. Elegant! \$335,000  
Prudential CA 339-9290 d.A. Hammond 869-4219

**3762 ELSTON** Glenview 3/1+ New listing, Med charm, 90s updates. Remdl \$329,500  
kit, bonus rm, move-in cond. Prudential Landmark Dennis Humes 534-4500

**6022 COLTON BL.** Montclair 3/2 View. Reduced! \$329,000  
Prudential CA, H. Converse 869-4212

**6860 BROADWAY** Rockledge 3+/1 New listing! Trad, gracious rms w/ly \$329,000  
gumwd trim. Non-cfrnt 2nd unit. Wells & Bennett Barbara Roessler 531-7000 X264

**4018 RANDOLPH** Glenview 3+/1.25, 1st Open! Charming vintage home. \$329,000  
"Better Homes & Gardens" yard! Coldwell Banker Orinda Linda Van Drent 840-7261

**606 PROSPECT AV** Haddon Hills 4/2.5 Spacious hm w/in-law unit, huge lt. \$320,000  
New listing - 1st open! Prudential CA 834-2010 John Bell 2897-9556 2-5

**1349 BARROWS RD.** Trestle Glen 3/2 Fabulous Craftsman, top area, \$319,000  
level yard. Needs work. Prudential CA 934-2010 Amberson McCulloch 287-2579

**1890 OAKVIEW DR** Oakmore 2/2 Family room, deck, view, sep office. \$315,000  
LaSalle Properties Tom Nemeth 339-8900

**3828 LINWOOD** Glenview 3/1+ Light & bright w/craftsman charm, hdwd, \$315,000  
built-ins, fab dk/ldy for entertaining. Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Lynne Bantle

**6680 BANNING DR.** Montclair 3+/2 Spacious contemp w/ly EIK, 4th BR on \$309,000  
lower level could be fam rm. Pacific Union Sally Morrison 339-6460

**4210 MIDVALE AV** Redwood Hts 4/2 Updated trad w/Bay vws. Garage. \$309,000  
Bdrm & w/bse entrance. The GRUBB Co. Michelle Winchester 339-0400

**5080 KEARNEY AV** 3/1 New Listing! One-M Trad w/ open LR/DR, frpc, \$299,900  
hdwd frs & plush lawn. Montclair schools. Pacific Union Donna Costella 339-6460

**453 HUDSON ST.** Rockledge 2+/1 Big bargain in beauty! Can be 4 bdrm. \$299,000  
Prudential CA 428-0900 Rosalie Marshall 644-5442

**1066 NORWOOD** Crocker Highlands. Adorable starter nr Trestle Glen. 2BR \$299,000  
beauty w/remdl kit. Classic details. Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Evelyn Walker

**4128 NORTON AV** Redwood Heights 3+/2.5 Bay views! Very spacious \$295,000  
home. LaSalle Properties Carol Cohen 339-8900

**4001 LAGUNA AV** 2+bdms/custom ba. Remodeled bungalow whdwd frs & \$289,000  
moldings. Garage, lawn & patio. The GRUBB Co. Angela Wei Grugg 339-0400

**4266 KNOLL AV** Redwood Hts 3/2 Immaculate home. Rear deck w/spa \$289,000  
and lovely garden, 2-car garage. Pacific Union Carolyn Jones 339-6460

**3900 TURNLEY AV** Sequoyah Hills 4/3 Large, updated, Bay view home. \$289,000  
A-1 condition! LaSalle Properties Harry Kress 339-8900

**3451 GUIDO** Redwood Heights Lovely Med on cul-de-sac. Great yard, \$279,000  
hardwood floors, original details. Wells & Bennett Katie Meadow 531-7000 X268

**5200 MOUNTAIN BL.** 3/1 5 beautiful Cape Cod. Wooded area. \$278,700  
Lg deck w/hot tub. Very well Constructed! 803-7725 Open 2-5

**2692 CAMINO LENADA.** Montclair. 3/2 contemporary. New decks, \$278,000  
carpets, appliances. Wooded setting. Walk to bus, Joaquin Miller/Montera schools

All reasonable offers considered. 283-3033

**3366 KIWANIS** Redwood Heights 3/2 Trad 2-bridge vw. Random plank frs, \$269,000  
frpc, formal dining room, garage. Wells & Bennett Pat Buhler 531-7000 X236

**4847 REINHARDT DR** Just listed! Trad w/charm & Bay vw. Mstr retreat. \$267,000  
Priv, M yd. Hdwd frs, sec. sys. Coldwell Banker 339-1174 George Karsant

**3397 JORDAN.** Redwood Heights 3bdrm/2ba Ranch style. \$265,900  
Prudential CA 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

**2694 LEIMERT VL** Upper Oakmore 2+/2+ Charming 1920s cottage on lg \$259,000  
sunny lot. Priv drive & + space w/ ext access. Pacific Union Michelle Vasey 339-6460

**3477 CRANE WY** Joaquin Miller 2+/1+ First open! Charming farm cottage, \$255,000  
lovely private setting. Great potential w/TLC. Pacific Union Donna DeBardi 339-6460

**4509 MORAGA** 3/2 Walk to Pied Av. Charming, bay vw, fam rm, eat-in-kt \$249,000  
w/French doors to deck, att garage. Wells & Bennett Carol Robbiano 531-7000 X292

**1717 INDIAN WY** Montclair 3/3 Grt cyn w/huge wrap-around dk. Quiet court. \$349,000  
Prudential CA 925-837-4281 Gail Koselchik 925-323-0900 OPEN SAT 2-5

**681 SPRUCE ST** China Hill 3/2+ Almost new. Many imprmnts. No appls. \$245,000  
Finished basement, lg yd w/ fruit trees. Prudential CA 834-2010 Terri Ingram 835-8193

**3476 MARGARITA** Oak Knoll 2+1.5 Seller wants back-up offer. Old world \$240,000  
charm w/ beautiful patio & garden! Richardson Realty 632-2539

**4635 FAIR AV.** Oak Hills 4+/2 Grt value, loc & vw. Lg dck off mstr. EZ fwy \$229,950  
access. Near shops. Won't last! Prudential CA 834-2010 Nader Davari 433-7054

**4030 MAPLE AV** Laurel 2/1 1925 Bungalow w/lrg details. Built-ins in DR. \$229,000  
LR w/frpc & kit w/brkfst nook + full bsmt. GRUBB Co. Bettina Balestinen 339-0400

**200 CALDECOTT #113** 2/2 Hill vws, hdwd frs, quiet & priv. Enjoy cthhse \$229,000  
gym, pool & sauna. Prudential CA 337-8670 Uli Liroi 273-9444

**4020 NORTON AV** Redwood Heights 3+/1 Cosmetic fixer, needs TLC & \$229,000  
updating. Great location, potential, bay view. Discount Brokers Wayne 482-0102

**2884 CARMEL.** Upper Dimond 2/1 Restored cottage, cute picket fence \$229,000  
invites u owner. No dues. Grt loc. Prudential CA 945-0211 Miriam Wilson 654-4444

**3948 FRUITVALE AV** 2/1 Charming bungalow. Light & bright whdwd deck \$229,000  
for outdoor entertaining. Pacific Union TomAnthony 339-6460

**6131 McDONELL** 2/1 Private lane. Cuts, needs updating. Huge 1/2 acre lot, \$229,000  
Very woodsy & park-like. Great for expansion! Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Kay

**5940 MAJESTIC.** 3/2 or 2/1 plus studio rental. Ultimate details \$229,000  
MUST SEE! Prudential CA 845-0200 Camille 464-1013, Joan 297-4019

**7871 SANFORD.** Beaut. corner sun-filled home above hwy 580. 3BR/frpc \$229,000  
FDR, good kit, laund rm, fenced yd. Coldwell Banker 339-1174 Elena Stone

**3622 ADELIN** Freestyle! Live/work w/rm to grow. Gated pring, atic, pool. \$229,000  
adj. spc avail, lo maintain wrk spc. Prudential CA 524-2526 Jackie Wagner 524-2526

**739 ALCATRAZ.** No. Oakland 4/2 Great for large family. \$229,000  
Prudential CA 339-9290 H. Manor 644-0908

**5807 FLEMING.** Maxwell Park, 2/1, New listing. Mega charm! \$229,000  
Prudential CA 339-9290, D. Otero 869-4239

**3888 SANTA CLARA #104** Grand Lake 2/2 Quality finishes, in-unit laundry \$229,000  
LaSalle Properties Tom Ervin 339-8900

**626 MANDANA BLVD #204** 2/2, 1084 sq. ft. condo w/vw, wall-to-wall ovr \$229,000  
frplace, appliances. Come & see! Prudential CA 337-8600 Patricia Cotter 52-3888

**3888 MAPLE** Dimond 2+/1+ Sweet Laurel townhouse \$229,000  
Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000

**6336 WALNUT ST.** Maxwell Park 2/1 Split-level Med, move-in cond. Hdwd \$229,000  
frs, lg kit/bkfst rm, music studio Prudential CA, 845-0211 Rita Hamington 654-4444

**7433 DEERWOOD** 2/1.5 Probate sale Reduced! Must see! \$229,000  
Montclair Better Homes 339-4000

**3240 NICOL AV.** Lower Laurel, 2/1 Cottage at creekside. Dbl lot \$229,000  
PRICE REDUCED! Prudential CA, Dolores Thom 634-2010

**3791 LATIMER PL.** Temescal, 1/1 Best deal in town! \$229,000  
Prudential CA 339-9290, D. Otero 869-4239

**3633 CALIFORNIA ST** Laurel 2/1 Cozy bungalow whdwd frs, frpc in LR, \$229,000  
eat-in kitchen, laundry rm, yard & garage. Pacific Union Lee Jacobson 339-8400

**4116 AGUA VISTA.** 2/1 Great starter \$229,000  
Prudential CA 339-9290 S. Kaur 869-4228

**3416 MADERA** Maxwell Park, 1BR cottage on lg lot w/ bay vw. Priv retreat \$229,000  
Gardener's delight. Rm to expand or gd invest. Wells & Bennett Katie Phillips 43-

**ALAMEDA \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\***

**2847 MADISON.** 2/1 New listing. Charming! New kitchen \$229,000  
Prudential CA 339-9290 B. Randall 869-4242

**1013 KEY ROUTE 2BR/1BA** \$229,000  
Coldwell Banker Mamood Moktan 486-1465

**1517 KEY ROUTE 2BR/1BA** \$229,000  
Coldwell Banker Rita Zwerdling 486-1465

**ALBANY \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\***

**620 TALBOT.** 3/2 Carefree living home, like new. Fantastic kitchen, bay \$229,000  
windows, cozy fam rm. 1829 sq. ft. Beautifully landscaped. 2-car gar 799-8446

**1031 EVELYN** 4/2 Incredibly spacious home. Large eat-in kit, stand-up \$229,000  
basement for storage. Det 2-car gar w/ workshop. Sunny yard

Marving Gardens Real Estate 527-2700 Bruce Simon 273-9593 2-4:30

**960 TULARE** 2/1, 1st Open! New! Elegant Craftsman! Lg LR, stained \$229,000  
glass doors, box beam ceiling in FDR, wainscoting. Private yard

Marving Gardens Real Estate 527-2700 Diane Mintz 287-8758 2-4

**965 CURTIS** Ageless beauty! Spacious 2BR w/craftsman details. FDR, \$229,000  
lg ldt, hdwd frs, lg yd. Marving Gardens 527-9111 Diane Mendler 273-9537 2-4



# 10-year fixed at six-month low

The July 9 Freddie Mac Prime Mortgage Market Survey, the first time the 10-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.91 percent, with fees and points averaging 1.1 percent. This is the lowest this figure has been since the week ending January 1997, the 30-year fixed averaged 7.47 percent.

The start rate for the one-year adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.60 percent, down 6 basis points from the previous week's figure of 5.66 percent. The 30-year-fixed, fees averaged 1.1 percent.

This is the lowest this rate has been since the week ending February 1997, when it averaged 5.59 percent. This time last year this rate was 5.53 percent.

This week's average for 15-year adjustable mortgages, a popular type in the refinancing market, fell to 6.60 percent from the previous week's average of 6.65 percent.

Fees and points averaged 1.1 percent. This is the lowest this figure has been since the week ending February 20, when it averaged 6.59 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed averaged 7.01 percent.

"We are currently experiencing the lowest rates in six months," said Freddie Mac deputy chief economist Frank Nothaft.

"The good news is that Freddie Mac expects a continuation of these low interest rates through the summer. As a matter of fact, it looks as though 1998 will register the lowest annual mortgage rates in 30 years."

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

The organization supplies lenders with the money to make mortgages and then packages these mortgages into marketable securities.

In this way Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by home buyers.

Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened the doors for one in six home

**'It looks as though 1998 will register the lowest annual mortgage rates in 30 years.'**

— FRANK NOTHAFT

buyers and two million renters in America.

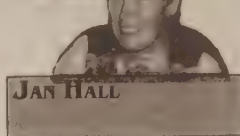
More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web site, [www.freddie.com](http://www.freddie.com).

Updates on the latest Freddie Mac averages are available each Thursday after noon Call toll free 888-780-2060 for updates.

On June 30 the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for July 1998 payments at 4.881 percent down just over 2 basis points from the 4.903 percent that was in effect for June 1998 payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

## CALIFLORA



Last weekend I indulged myself by taking not only Sunday but Monday as a nonwork day. With two full days a trip to Napa was in store. The wine is not the only thing that draws me to the valley — viewing and critiquing the winery gardens provides endless enjoyment.

Frog's Leap Winery can only be visited by appointment. The gardens are to my eye equal to the taste of the outstanding cabernet and Merlot.

Raised garden beds that contain a number of vegetables and perennials are surrounded by in ground gardens. Using a small palette of plants to provide the backbone of the gardens gives visual continuity to all the varied beds. I suppose I liked the gardens so much because many of the

# Beyond the wine, into winery gardens

plants used are ones that I continually use in many of my designs.

Lavandula, thyme, stipa grass, sages and penstemons are planted liberally to provide color and texture. Using a number of different vines to sprawl on the tasting cottage gives a textural variation of leaf, and color variation of flower. Use of lettuce and other edibles in the window boxes produces a soft look and a feeling of being "in the country."

After leaving Frog's Leap we drove over to Groth Winery. It was immediately apparent that El Niño had made its mark on the landscape.

The drive to the winery is lined by what was suppose to be stately sycamores. After the late rains of this year the sycamores are anything but stately — they give true meaning to the name sick-a-more.

Anthracoze has devastated the trees. What leaves have not fallen off the trees are wilted and brown

if not for those brown crispy leaves you would think it was the middle of winter.

There are so many plants that can be used in Northern California that it is a shame to plant a specimen that will continually become diseased. Anthracnose is caused by a bacteria that over winters on the new stems and twigs. With late spring rains the bacteria get washed into leaf buds that are beginning to open. Once infected the result is dying and dropping leaves. Every time there are late spring rains this occurs.

No spray or inoculation will prevent the spread of the ugly disease. Trees that are pollarded (like the ones at UC Berkeley outside Sproul Hall) can usually avoid contracting the disease. Pollarded trees have their new stems and twigs removed each winter — that removes the bacteria from the tree.

Rather than plant a Sycamore, why not choose a more appropriate

See CALIFLORA on page 12

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

**ASHASTA 3+1/2** Like being in Tahoe. Private, contemp in the trees, \$499,000  
Light, bright, fireplace. Prudential CA 845-0211 Julie Nachtwey 849-5303  
Prudential 2/26/98/ashasta 2-4:30

**ROSE 3BR** Med, best loc! FDR & brkfst rm, huge bsmt w/ potential. \$499,000  
Prudential Company Bebe McRate 652-2133 X145 2-4

**AMORAMIC** Brwn Shgl 3 1/2 + in-law, w/in wking dist to campus. \$495,000  
Prudential BACK on MKT! Templeton Company Marlene Leverette 652-2133 2-4

**ALAMEDA 4/2** Light filled Med w/ GG vu, Tri-level, hwd flrs \$485,000  
Prudential CA 845-0211 Colette Ford 849-5311 2-4:30

**WETH New List!** Very special 2 1/2 S contemp in forest. Detailing, light, \$429,000  
views, study area. Red Oak Realty Laurie 527-3387 X124 2-4:30

**LOS ANGELES New list!** Home or duplex 3BR/4BA or 2BR & 1BR \$425,000  
great nighbrhd. FDR, oak flrs, vws, lg yd. Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 2-4:30

**MILLER AVE No.** Berkeley 2/2, 3brdrg vws thru glass walls. '40s \$399,000  
w/ open flr plan. Spac & lte. The GRUBB Co. Mavis Delacroix 339-0400 2-4:30

**32 English cottage w/ formal dining room. View!** \$398,000  
Prudential CA Carol Kim 527-9900 2-4:30

**BEVERLY PLACE 3BR/1.5BA** \$382,000  
Prudential Kim Cleveland 486-1465 2-4:30

**CAMPUS 4 1/2** Unique opportunity! Home & income! Sharp, woodsy, \$379,000  
great bay vw, sep etry au-pair. Prudential CA 526-5143 David Vogel 696-9429 2-5

**BARBER, Elmwood 2/2** Charm & location. Bungalow on quiet \$379,000  
street. Prudential CA 845-0200 Nancy Plattford 652-5133 2-4:30

**11111 DERBY Duplex** \$379,000  
Prudential Banker Dave Moss 486-1465 2-4:30

**JOSEPHINE 3+1/2 BR/2BA** \$350,000  
Prudential Cheryl Cahn 486-1465 2-4:30

**ALVARADO RD** Claremont 3/2 Fab SF vws, location & price! Deep, \$349,000  
garden 2-car carport. Must see! The GRUBB Co. Karen Starr 339-0400 2-4:30

**WINE AV 2+1/2** Adorable craftsman bungalow. \$340,000  
Prudential Company Marlene Leverette 652-2133 X121 2-4:30

**WITH ST #2, Westside 1+1/2** Live work by P. Kennedy. Westside Place. \$335,000  
vws, qual, tech, security. Prudential CA 845-0200 Nancy Plattford 652-5133 2-4:30

**11TH STREET Duplex** \$330,000  
Prudential Banker Tina Ensign 486-1465 2-4:30

**REGAL, 2/1** Quality '50s home w/large living rm & level-out garden. \$329,000  
great location! Prudential CA 845-0201 2-4:30

**TULARE New listing!** 2+1/2 S classic craftsman. FDR, updated kit/bath. \$320,000  
Red Oak RE 527-3387 X112 2-4:30

**COLUMA Great** Northbrae cottage steps from Monterey Mkt on quiet st. \$295,000  
study+attic strg, private yd. Needs TLC! Red Oak RE 527-3387 X176 2-4

**SAN LORENZO 1000 Oaks 2/1** Sunny bungalow w/extra bdrm & ba \$279,000  
great entry. Easy conversion to 3/2! Hardwood, fireplace. Great location! Prudential 527-2700 Carole Berger 549-3441 2-4:30

**PAULINDING AV 1st open!** Fab 2/1, beaut orig detail, tree-lined st. \$289,000  
rm, usable base, M yd, det garage. Red Oak RE 527-9837 X137 2-4

**PAULINDING New listing!** Wonderful 2/1 Craftsman rich w/details, \$269,000  
hwd flrs & wksp in rear! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 2-4:30

**OREGON Elmwood 2/1** Romantic Victorian! Tastefully remodeled! \$259,000  
w/drs to yd & ht tub! Marvin Gardens 527-2700 Terry Pedersen 287-8760 2-4:30

**DERBY Grt hse, grt yd, 2BR+1/2 den, 1920s chrm, convenient \$249,000  
w/wood. Thornwall Properties 849-1950 X240 2-4**

**CURTIS ST Warm, friendly, comfortable 2BR. Inviting yd, office. Loved \$225,000  
by current owners. Don't miss it! Red Oak RE 527-3387 X134 2-4**

**2 KING 2/1** Wonderful craftsman, artistic nighbrhd. Gourmet kit. \$222,000  
w/ audio. Templeton Company Jack McPhail 652-2133 X135 2-4:30

**ADJASON Bdrm/2ba** \$215,000  
Prudential Banker Brian Brand 486-1465 2-4:30

**FRANCISCO 2BR, sunny, fresh paint, lg yd w/fruit trees. Walk to \$209,000  
park & No. Berk BART. Prudential CA 526-5143 Phillipa Feldman 644-5252 2-4:30**

**ALCATRAZ, Victoria duplex. 3bd units. Lg yd & storage. \$200,000  
Prudential CA Chris Reid 429-0900 2-4:30**

**MATHEWS, 3/2** Charming 1910 Victorian farmhouse. \$199,000  
Prudential street. John Stasky & Co. 525-8800 2-4:30

**CHANNING 2/1** Delightful bungalow w/craftsman detail. \$199,000  
Marvin Gardens Todd Hodson 527-9111 1-4

**PRINCE ST #6** Elmwood 1+1/2 Lovely condo with den... \$185,000  
Prudential Real Estate Service Charles Rivers 482-2380

**HIGHLAND PL** Nice corner unit, one of four in bldg. Quiet, wooded \$174,000  
Prudential CA 526-5143 Sally Madden 644-5246 2-4

**VIRGINIA #13, Northside 1/1** The Good Luck Condo! Lg rms. \$169,000  
storage, parking, storage. Prudential CA. 845-0200 Arlene Baxter 433-9816 2-5

**1178 EUCLID #2 1BR/2BA** \$165,000  
Coldwell Banker Joan Barnett 486-1465 2-4:30

**CONCORD \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\***

**1781 OAKMEAD 3/2** Recently remodeled, in grt loc, clis to trans. \$171,500  
Seller motivated. Prudential CA 526-5143 Vish Zagata 898-9042 OPEN SAT 2-5

**DANVILLE \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\***

**3833 SHEFFIELD CIRCLE** Bettencourt Ranch 4/2 home, immaculate cond. \$459,950  
Beaut. garden, many upgrades. Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 Sat & Sun 1-5

**EL CERRITO \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\***

**1459 RIFLE Range** Best EC nighbrhd, nearly new & almost 5,000 sq ft \$799,000  
overlooking Wildcat Cyn. 4+BR/3+ba in Madera ovr Kensington sch! districts! Near parks. EC priv schls, Berkeley. Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 2-4:30

**1159 IVY CT 4+1/3 w/weeping vws of SF Bay. Well-maintained! Large \$489,000  
deck. Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 2-4**

**7450 MOESER Custom 3BR/2BA** Panoramic view, 3-car garage \$419,000  
Prudential CA 527-9800 2-4

**709 GELSTON 3BR/2BA** Kensington schools. New kitchen. \$405,000  
Prudential CA 527-9800 2-4:30

**780 COLUMA 3BR/2BA, Bay view, upgrades** \$340,000  
Prudential CA Josephine 527-9800 1-5

**2437 EDWARDS 5/2** w/incredible pano vws thru flr to cell wndws! Epic. \$289,000  
Fam rm. Quiet. Red Oak Realty X124 2-4

**1216 NAVELLIER ST** Remodeled 3/2 home nestled against "Hillside \$279,000  
Natural Area!" Red Oak RE 527-3387 X119 Alexandra 843-5224 2-4

**7029 GLAYDS** One-level 4BR/3BA. Great location! \$262,000  
Prudential CA 527-9800 1-4

**800 PARK WY 2/1** With the sun over the Bay from the deck. Separate \$239,000  
den, office. Prudential CA 845-0211 Nancy Taussig 524-8249 2-4:30

**7218 PLANK AV 3/1** Sharp! Sunny, quiet cul-de-sac. Move-in condition. \$239,000  
Prudential CA 526-5143 Cathie Kosek 644-5244 2-4:30

**437 CLAYTON 2/1** w/son rm, move-in cond, nu crpt, refin hwd flrs, lg Indry \$223,950  
rm, 1-car att gar, lg, M priv bkdy. #W44784 Security Pacific Carla & Gen 222-4005

**7354 HOTCHKISS 2/1** Adorable starter on quiet st. Lg sunny yd. Special! \$215,000  
Garage w/intermal entry to kit. Templeton Company Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 2-4

**827 LEXINGTON AV 2/1** Charming, fresh, lg yd. Convenient to shops & \$209,000  
transportation. Templeton Company Tricia Swift 652-2133 X140 2-4:30

**622 LEXINGTON** Cute 2BR cottage near Plaza. \$175,000  
Prudential CA Mary Lou 527-9900 1-4

**1233 ELM 2/1** Pristine home w/indry rm & garage. Grt bkdy for gardener. \$149,000  
Can't beat price - must see! Prudential CA 524-2526 Luisa Castillo 644-5200 2-4:30

**32 RHEEM BL 4/3** Prime Glorietta area. Totally remodeled. Trad Lg flr yd. \$849,500  
Close to schls. Coldwell Banker 253-4600 Jerilyn Babington 253-4601 1-4

**30 CLAREMONT AV** Charming 3BR/2BA house with great back yard. \$365,000  
Prudential CA 254-0440 Elena Hood 253-5433

**PLEASANT HILL \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 1-5\*\*\***

**481 BOYD RD 3or5/2** Farmhouse-old-huge, completely refurbished. \$468,000  
Country kitchen, full basement, RV parking, large lot. By owner 925-944-9477

**PIEDMONT \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\***

**26 LITTLEWOOD 5+1/3** Very large, elegant contemporary \$525,000  
Prudential CA. 428-0900 Glass-Sabine Team 644-5412

**115 DUDLEY AV** Clarence Mayhew designed 3BR w/SF bay vws, soaring \$849,000  
ceilings & sense of privacy. Sophisticated. The GRUBB Co. Anian Tunney 339-0400

**432 SCENIC AV** Spacious trad. Gourmet kit, level out to patio & spa. \$795,000  
Library, 3/3 incld mstr ste w/vws. The GRUBB Co. Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

**132 MONTICELLO AV 6/4** Just listed! Magnificent Craftsman on 1/4 ac lot. \$795,000  
Box beams & leaded glass. Pacific Union Kathleen Callahan 339-6460

**122 DUDLEY AV 3/3** New listing! Dramatic contemp in pretine cond. So. \$725,000  
Bay view, metr ste, FR level out to garden. Pacific Union Roselle Woods 339-6460

**132 INDIAN RD 3/2** Elegant home. Open level floor plan. Sun-filled rooms \$725,000  
and courtyard. Coldwell Banker Linda Van Drent 840-7261

**218 PACIFIC AV 3/2** Fabulous vws of SF Bay-2 bridges. Wonderful home \$679,000  
for entertaining. Coldwell Banker 925-253-4600 Jerilyn Babington 925-253-4601

**120 SCENIC AV** New listing! Colonial w/bay and Lake Merritt vws. Lvl out \$699,000  
to bk yd. 3BR+2dorm rms, 2.5 BA. Wells & Bennett Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

**111 BELL AV** New listing! Panoramic Bay vws! 3/2 Great kitchen! \$559,000  
Prudential CA 428-0900 Carole Berger 644-5469

**RICHMOND \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\***

**618 - 33RD ST** Picture Perfect! Beaut maintained 3BR, lg, sunny LR, FDR, \$195,000  
mdbl kit, brkfst rm, dk & lush yd Marvin Gardens 527-9111 Todd Hodson 273-9515 2-4

**648 - 33RD ST** Move-in cond! 4BR, grt loc. Updated kit & bath, fin bonus rm, \$145,000  
hwd flrs, frsh prnt, air termite. Marvin Gardens 527-9111 Todd Hodson 273-9515 2-4

**5030 PLAZA CIRCLE 4** bedrooms \$180,000  
Prudential CA 527-9800 Wauccarra Lewallen 1-4

**5840 FRESNO** Richmond Annex. 2+bdms/1+ba. Gorgeous in & out! \$199,500  
Prudential CA 339-9250 M. Ross 869-4256 2-4:30

**5303 VAN FLEET** Richmond Annex 2bdrm/1ba, family room \$124,500  
Prudential CA F. Owens 869-4217 2-4:30

**631 SO. 37TH** Richmond N E 2bdrm/1bath \$110,000  
Coldwell Banker Pat Brennan 486-1465



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In a 1991 study, reported in Home Buying and Selling Process, the National Association of Realtors (NAR), reported: "Since 1989... homebuyers who rely on newspapers have significantly increased from 41% to 58%."

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## Califlora...

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ate tree that will provide lush green leaves whether there are spring rains or not?

When you select a plant—be it tree, shrub, perennial or annual—consider how it will perform in the Bay Area. Is it prone to continual disease? Will it flourish with the conditions that are uniquely ours?

It is no major loss to buy a perennial that does not perform the way you expected—you can rip it out and try something else. It can be a major loss in money and labor to plant a tree or a number of trees that will never look the way you expected them to look. If you are not familiar with how a tree that you wish to plant performs in the Bay Area consult a reputable nursery.

Jan Hall is the owner of Plympton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 758-6946.

**Classified: 339-8777**

## Events...

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tration is mandatory. For more information call (800) 501-SAVE

Join University of California pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from 9 a.m. to noon the first Sat. of every month for a free **Sick Plant Clinic** at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in with a piece of a sick or a dying plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose the problem. Call 643-2755 or garden@uclink4.berkeley.edu for more information.

Russell Doi of the Mortgage Network hosts free **First Time Homebuyer Seminar** on an ongoing basis. Learn about the many first-time homebuyer programs available today. Find out just how much home you can afford to buy. Receive a free booklet that will help you prepare for the biggest investment you may ever make. Call 526-6554 to make reservations.

The Orchid Society of California meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake

Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members' plant sale before the meeting. Orchid lecturers share their knowledge and provide plants for a raffle. Join the camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 531-1210 for more information.

The Golden Gate Cymbidium Society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wed. of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. A plant sale is featured before the meeting affording you the opportunity to purchase quality cymbidiums. These meetings feature expert growers from around world with their slides and valuable tips for growing cymbidiums. Call 531-1210 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047, Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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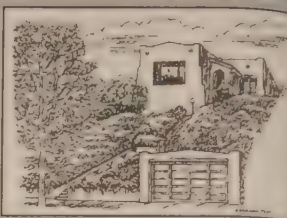
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This sun-flooded 1912 home is a delight to live in. The enchanting interior includes a new mini-gourmet kitchen, a formal dining room with a beautifully tiled African slate fireplace, unique hand-made hardware, new fixtures in the bathroom, newly refinished floors, faux wall finishes and other creative features. 2 bedrooms and 1 bath conveniently located in central Berkeley. Offered at \$239,000

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**ELEGANT NEW HOME...\$1,150,000**  
5 bridge view, 3+BD/2.5BA, cook's kitchen, family room, many special details!

K. Florence 869-4250, 339-9290



#### NEW PIEDMONT LISTING! \$559,000

Wonderful views of the bay and SF from this extremely well-maintained 3BD/2BA home. Great kitchen.  
Carole Berger 428-0900, 644-5499

**HOLLYWOOD HACIENDA...\$975,000**  
Imagine yourself in 1920's Hollywood. 4BD/3BA, greenhouse, cantina and more. Elizabeth Stevens 845-0200

**STUNNING CONTEMPORARY!...\$675,000**  
Graceful architecture! Light & open spaces! Pano view. Completed in Nov.  
Karen Bevis 849-5711, 273-9046

**CENTRAL PIEDMONT...\$549,000**  
3+BD/3BA, rumpus room, more space than front looks like, 2 decks garden.  
Caroline Peters 428-0900

### TRI-LEVEL TOWNHOUSE...\$390,000

4616 Redwood Rd. - Leona Park Villa. Open Sun 2-4:30. Attractive 3BD/2BA, frpl, high ceiling, Bay view.  
John Cashman 845-0200

### BEAUTIFUL CRAFTSMAN...\$319,000

3BD, lots of wood and built-ins. Top area, level yard. Open Sunday.  
Amberson McCulloch 834-2010

### ROCKRIDGE BUNGALOW...\$293,000

3BD/2BA, formal dining, hardwood floors, deck, shaded by mature trees. 3 mins. to BART & Market Hall.  
Graham Carter 845-0200

### LIVE/WORK TOWNHOME!...\$275,000

Elegant, sophisticated. Custom shop & tennis in fl loft, dsnr lighting, skylite, home office, off street parking.  
Jackie/Vanessa 524-2526

### ADORABLE TRADITIONAL...\$225,000

Renovated in '89! 3BD/1BA, formal dining room w/ fireplace, large rear yard & 2-car tandem gar! Updated kit & BA. Karen Bevis 849-5711, 273-9046

### ULTIMATE IN DETAIL...\$187,000

Studio rental separate entrance, hardwood floors, patio/garden, 3BD/2BA or 2BD/1BA and rental.  
Carmille 464-1013, Joan 297-4019 845-0200

### INVEST IN THE ARTS!...\$148,000

Your own! Creative, alternative live/work. Big & bright! Exposed brick, loft, remote-acss parking.  
Vanessa Timon Smith 524-2526

### EMERYVILLE

#### AFFORDABLE LIVE/WORK...\$179,000

with deck, sep. workspace, roll-up door-gated, lots of extra storage, easy commute, by public trans/fwy.  
Jackie/Vanessa 524-2526

### BERKELEY/ALBANY

#### THINK BIG!...\$1,200,000

Julia Morgan designed 19BD rooming house across from UC! Close to trans, shops, restaurants! Off-street parking.  
Francine Di Palma 849-5711, 526-7055

#### SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN W/VIEWS!...\$525,000

4+BD/2BA home w/family room, den, in-law on 1/3 acre lot.  
Grazia Bivins 527-8533, 849-3711

#### ENCHANTING COTTAGE...\$515,000

English, with touch of French style. 3+BD with Bay view, balcony & brick patio.  
Caroline Peters 547-1722, 823-0900

#### ELMWOOD CHARM...\$379,000

Bungalow 2BD/2BA with yard on quiet cul-de-sac. 1st Open Sun 1-4.  
Nancy Plattford 845-0200

#### LIVE/WORK...\$335,000

Westside Place. 3 story loft of award winning quality. Open 1-4.  
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## Chrysler's 300M: rebel with a cause

### KEANE ON WHEELS

Connie Keane

Chrysler has brought back its famed "letter cars" from the 1950s, and the auto maker's 300M is a rebel with a cause: it feeds the hungry driver's desire for luxury. The 300M's rebel heritage comes from Chrysler's first letter series with the dual personality of luxury and performance — the 1955 C-300. Fully loaded with luxurious appointments, the C-300 created a performance legacy for Chrysler by dominating NASCAR and stock car competitions.

Breaking the mold Chrysler is making two rebel statements with the launch of the 1999 300M. The automaker is breaking away from its old mold by entering the premium luxury segment, and shaking up the luxury segment by being the first in its class to offer a dual transmission. Chrysler has set its eyes on entry-level luxury buyers

by putting the 300M in competition with Lexus, Audi, BMW and Cadillac.

During my test-drive on steep, narrow and winding mountainous roads, I felt a balance of powerful performance and precise handling in the 300M's touring, suspension model.

#### For enthusiasts

Chrysler offers enthusiastic drivers an aggressively tuned suspension for enhanced stability and greater cornering that includes V-rated 16-inch performance tires and upgraded brakes. AutoStick is a standard feature in the 300M that allows the driver the convenience of an automatic transmission, or the option to switch gears and shift manually.

#### High horses

The 300M is powered by an all-new 3.5-liter V-6 SOHC engine with a 253 horsepower rating. Its horsepower and torque ratings are the highest in its class. The all-aluminum engine is designed to put out 25 percent more power yet is 10 percent more fuel efficient.



An all-new 3.5 liter V-6 SOHC engine with a 253 horsepower rating powers Chrysler's 1999 300M. The automaker designed the all-aluminum engine to put out 25 percent more power with 10 percent more fuel efficiency.

Two big technical improvements accomplish this: converting to platinum-tipped spark plugs and connecting these plugs directly with high energy ignition coils.

#### Who needs tune-ups?

Chrysler says both these steps eliminate the need for tune-ups for 100,000 miles.

Chrysler has minimized sources of noise with an

improved suspension, a stiffer body and the integration of the radio antenna into the rear window.

The 300M is a nicely equipped spacious and comfortable five-passenger sedan. The instrument panel has a clean, refreshing flowing design of neat seamless lines. The analog gauges have a crisp, white back-

ground with black finely etched numerals.

#### The standard is luxury

Standard equipment includes leather and heated seats, leather-wrapped shift knob and steering wheel, power front seats with driver's memory, dual heated exterior mirrors, anti-lock brakes and traction control. Also standard are the auto-

matic climate control system with rear passenger ducts, an Infinity AM/FM cassette and CD player with nine speakers, and 60/40 split rear folding seats.

What appeals to me above all the luxury amenities and performance output is the 300M's dramatic, rebel styling.

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## Chrysler

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From front to rear, Chrysler's engineers took some risks in sculpting its body and personality. The risks worked.

Instead of rounding and contouring the rear to resemble the all-new Concorde or LHS, the designers raised the rear deck lid and then just chopped it off. The 300M has the distinctive appeal of a European sports sedan, such as the BMW M3. In the front,

the low hood design is met by eye-catching quad halogen headlamps in a fluted, winged-shaped design. Hoisted in the center eggcrate grille is Chrysler's wide-winged emblem.

While the design team dared to take some risks, getting behind the wheel of the 300M is not risky, there's a calculated chance most enthusiastic drivers will tame Chrysler's new rebel.

The base price of \$28,895, includes handling and destination charges.

## 1999 Chrysler 300M specifications

<b>VEHICLE TYPE</b> .....five-passenger sedan	<b>OVERALL LENGTH</b> .....198 in.; 5023 mm
<b>BASE PRICE</b> .....\$28,895 (as tested: \$28,895)	<b>OVERALL WIDTH</b> .....74 in.; 1890 mm
<b>ENGINE TYPE</b> .....SOHC 24-valve, V-6 w/SMPI	<b>HEIGHT</b> ...56 in.; 1422 mm
<b>DISPLACEMENT</b> .....3.5-liter	<b>TURNING CIRCLE (curb-to-curb)</b> 38 ft.; 11.5 m
<b>HORSEPOWER (net)</b> ..253 at 6400 rpm	<b>CURB WEIGHT</b> .....3567 lbs.; 1618 kg
<b>TORQUE (lb-ft)</b> .....255 at 3950 rpm	<b>FUEL CAPACITY</b> .....17 gals.; 65 liters
<b>TRANSMISSION</b> .....four-speed automatic with AutoStick	<b>EPA MILEAGE RATING</b> ...18 city; 27 highway
<b>WHEELBASE</b> .....113 in.; 2870 mm	<b>ASSEMBLY PLANT</b> .....Ontario, Canada
<b>TREAD (front/rear)</b> 62/61 in.; 1573/1565 mm	<b>STRONG FEATURE</b> .....Unique styling
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**CHEVY TRACKER:** The 1999 Chevy Tracker features major styling changes, and a new 2-liter, 16-valve DOHC four-cylinder engine. The Tracker has a lower roof line and sloping hood, designed to improve aerodynamics. A low-mounted spare tire makes for better rearward

visibility, and sculpted fenders and side panels add a sporty flair. Tracker four-wheel drive models have been improved, and an anti-flex beam located under the hood helps stiffen the front suspension and body structure.

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## A fickle and rare British beauty: the 1968 Triumph TR250

### CLASSIC CLASSICS

By Vern Parker

As superintendent of the United States Senate Press Gallery, Bob Petersen watches members of the press corps come and go, and shares in their everyday tales of crab grass in the suburbs, or woes of the city life.

In the early 1970s, Petersen was intrigued by a wire service reporter who drove a relatively rare 1968 Triumph TR250. Countless troubles befell the owner that made the car all the more interesting to Petersen, as the scribe described in detail each malady and how it was overcome.

The final indignity came when the reporter wrecked the car in 1974 and had to get rid of his jewel. "I bought it for the tires," Petersen said matter of factly. However he soon fell under the spell of the 2,160-pound British two-seater, and began the tortuous ground-up restoration. The good news was there was no rust.

Petersen soon discovered all the idiosyncrasies of this particular sports car, and set about putting it back to original condition with a few "improvements."

The Lucas electrical system gave him fits. The Lucas electrics, he said, "Got out of tune constantly." The car now sports an electronic ignition.

Petersen, to his wife Barbara's dismay, only had (he claimed), to put a new nose on the Triumph, rebuild the engine and transmission, strip the body and reupholster the interior. She was somewhat less than thrilled at the prospect. After all, most of the serious mechanical work was done by 1980. How much could be left to do on a car with a wheelbase

overdrive in place, the top end of the 140-mph speedometer seems within reach.

As the restoration progressed, parts-cars came and went, each leaving behind a legacy of sorts. "I have buckets and buckets of parts," Petersen said proudly.

In earlier days, Triumph's like Petersen's were plagued with rusted fender problems.

burled walnut, plus the Triumph has a vanity mirror on the right sun visor that was on the cutting edge in 1968.

Petersen concedes he installed the 12-volt electrically operated radio antenna. Between the two front fender-mounted mirrors, the engine hood with the cross-way racing stripe swings open from

the rear. Exposed is essentially a TR6 engine in a TR4 body, Petersen said. At the rear of the car is the "independent rear suspension" with which European models were equipped with "IRS" emblems. Somehow that adornment wasn't deemed desirable in the United States.

Petersen's TR250 has been driven only 5,000 miles in 22 years, but that is about to change. Now that total restoration is complete, the miles are sure to increase. "I always run octane booster," Petersen said. "It seems to run better." One thing, however, is certain: Petersen is unlikely to encounter an identical car on the road. His sports car happens to be number 7,568 of only 8,200 manufactured.

If you have an antique car of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Vern Parker. (Please, no inquiries about selling or buying vehicles.) His address: 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181



After discovering all the idiosyncrasies of this particular 2,160-pound British two-seater, owner Bob Peterson set about putting the sports car back to its original condition — with a few "improvements."

of only 88 inches?

The inside of the 13.5-gallon gasoline tank by then was rusty. With that problem addressed, Petersen took his little British gem to be reupholstered. That accomplished, he actually drove the car back home with the smell of new leather filling the interior.

After that, Petersen moaned, "It was like being on dialysis." In an effort at to restore reliability, he installed a fuel pressure regulator and three two-barrel Webber carburetors. The tachometer, however, still redlines at 5,000 rpm. This carburetion action boosted the original 105-horsepower output of the 2.5-liter, six-cylinder engine up to the 160-horsepower range. With the electric

He has attacked, and solved, this quandry by installing drain tubes inside the fenders as rust-busters.

From 1992 until 1997, the Triumph wasn't running. It had a bad clutch and then a broken clutch line. It's the seemingly minor things that can halt a major project. Petersen overcame the frustration and was able to get his little sports car back into running condition. Naturally, it couldn't stop without the front disc brakes and drum brakes in the rear. Each 72-spoke wheel is dressed up with a new "knock-off" hubcap.

The cockpit is enhanced by an optional three-spoke steering wheel, with three decorative holes in each spoke. The dashboard is

## Despite technology, belts still wear down

### OWNERS AUTO KNOW

By Don Chaikin

Despite the miracles of technology that take place each moment your new car or truck's engine is running, some things under your hood are the same now as they were in the day of Henry Ford.

One thing that hasn't changed drastically is the way engine accessories are driven: by rubber belts. Though the accessories are smaller and more potent than ever, and the belts themselves different than they once were, you should still regularly check the tension and condition of all underhood belts.

#### Fans still essential

While most cars now have small electric motors powering the radiator cooling fans, most sport utility vehicles and trucks still have fan belts. The alternator, power-steering, water pump, and air conditioning compressor are all typically belt driven.

Unlike the old V-belt that rode in a large groove in a drive pulley, most vehicles now use stronger poly-V-belts. These belts have multiple ribs that ride in matching smaller grooves on the drive pulleys. In addition, quite often one large poly-V-belt will drive a multitude of accessories. These multi-drive belts can wrap around four or more pulleys and are called serpentine belts.

#### Regular inspections

Regardless of the number or type of drive belts, each should be inspected twice a year and replaced, regardless of its apparent condition, about every three years.

For a thorough inspection, the belt should be removed. Otherwise, you must find an area between pulleys where you can see a section of the belt well. Then crank the engine starter in short bursts

(keeping clear of the engine and belts while cranking) you can eventually inspect the entire belt.

#### Handle with care

To remove a belt, you must relieve its tension. Consult your owner's manual, or underhood decal that outlines the procedure. But in mind that all belts are tensioned somehow, there's always a way to relieve that tension. Either one of the accessories driven by the belt swivels in its bracket, possibly with the aid of a jackscrew, or there's a special tensioning pulley.

To inspect the belt, turn the engine off, check its length for tears, cracks, and missing pieces of rubber, particularly between ribs on poly-V-belt. Also check for shiny, glazed sections which would indicate that the belt is slipping, and check the ribbed side of the belt for damage. Twist the belt to check for signs that it might be separating.

#### Don't take chances

If you find any damage on any belt, replace it. Take the old belt with you, if possible, to match it against a replacement. Besides being the same length as your old belt, the replacement must be same width, have the same number of ribs, and be the same depth.

Single V-belts should have the same cross section as the original. When you shop, keep in mind that the old belt will be stretched from wear and will be slightly longer than the new one.

#### Pulleys essential

With the belt removed, check the pulleys on the accessories. A damaged pulley will soon ruin a new belt. Inspect the pulleys for cracks, wobble and dents on the sides.

To install a belt, either the still good old one or a new one, fully slacken the tensioner to make life as easy

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## Recreational vehicle market swells with baby boomers

### ROLLING HOMES

By Jeff Johnston

This summer vacation season you're itching to do something different — to find a great getaway with a panoramic view of the sights, a trip that will connect you with the kids again. You're ready for an RV vacation.

Summer, weekend and holiday vacations in a recreational vehicle are one of the fastest growing segments in the automotive travel industry. Family appeal, comfort, affordability and convenience are the primary reasons why people are turning to RV getaways.

The survey firm of Louis Harris and Associates recently conducted a perception and attitude study for the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, based in Reston, Va. The study found that RVs are growing in attraction to younger buyers, ages 30 to 49 years.

Ninety-two percent of parents who own an RV said that recreational vehicles are the best way to travel with

children, fostering an increased sense of togetherness, and helping to improve family communication.

"One of the biggest trends is the movement of baby boomers into the RV market," says Jeff Beddow of the RVIA. "It's a hassle-free way to get out on the road for a couple of days,

• Avoid "clustering" when arriving at a campground. If there are dozens of empty spots, don't take a spot smack next to the party that's already there.

That other party also hopes to get away from it all, and if you squat right next door when plenty of other sites are available, it's something of a psychological

intrusion. (This doesn't apply, of course, when the spot next to the other person is one of a few choice locations next to the lake).

• Home is where the heart is. Think of the other family's campsite as their home, which it is for the duration of their stay. Respect your neighbor's perimeters by not cutting through their site on your way across the campground, and don't let things like beach balls, bicycles and other camping impediments sprawl over onto the other site.

• Observe quiet hours. This means avoid making loud noises of any kind, including partying, radios and generators. If you arrive late at night, especially after quiet hours have started, keep your voices down when conversing and setting up

**W**ith the widespread emergent popularity of the RV, it's important to be mindful of proper RV etiquette.

plus RVs are equipped with all the modern amenities and comfort of home."

Recreation vehicles are being used for more than just vacations. They are being utilized as a spare living area for guests, attending sporting events such as NASCAR, and for just taking off at a moment's notice.

With this widespread emergent popularity of the RV, it's important to be mindful of proper RV etiquette. When pulling up to an RV camp, treat fellow RV travelers as if they were your neighbors at home. Here are some tips on exercising good manners:



RV dos and don'ts: Avoid "clustering" when arriving at the campground. Don't let trash pile up at your site. Keep America Beautiful!

camp. Sound travels a long way in a quiet campground after dark. The sounds of nature, a crackling fire and the hooting of owls are more fun to listen to than any human-generated noises.

• Keep your children under control. Remind them they should respect other campers, and that having a wild and woolly time on vacation is fine as long as they don't go overboard.

• If you bring a pet, practice the pooper-scooper rules. Clean up immediately after

your pet soils a public area not meant for animal excrement. Barking and whining dogs, or those with disagreeable temperaments, don't make good neighbors. If your pet can't get along with the excitement of having strangers present in a campground, you might consider leaving it in a kennel for the weekend.

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Finally, and most importantly, clean up after yourself. This includes the fire ring, so don't throw tin or aluminum cans, glass,

chicken or steak bones, other nonflammable trash into the fire. The raccoons will drag out what's left of the meat scraps, making a sooty mess. Out of consideration to the next family, leave your campsite cleaner than when you arrived.

Doing so, besides being a good habit, is also a fine behavior lesson for your children and is teaching them good camping habits that will serve them well when they're out camping on their own one day.



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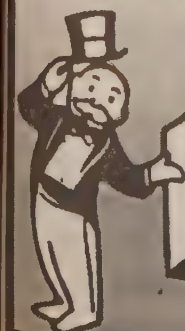
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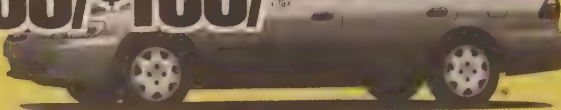
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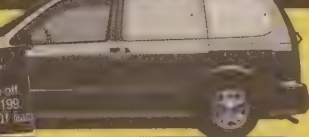
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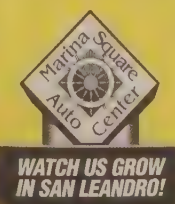
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## High density lights no longer a luxury

### AFTERMARKET REVIEWS

By Alex Law

**HID headlights.**In the wake of several luxury car companies offering High Intensity Discharge headlights that deliver as much as twice the illumination as traditional lights, several aftermarket lighting firms have come up with something similar for a wider range of cars.

Both HID and the aftermarket headlamps are similar in one regard — their blue coloring. But they differ in two important areas; HID products as original equipment meet all of the necessary legal requirements and provide twice the illumination, while the aftermarket bulbs likely aren't as bright and they might be illegal.

This means they very well end up earning you a ticket from a diligent police officer. In point of exact fact, many of these aftermarket lights are simply legal replacement bulbs with a coating painted on to give them a blueish tinge, and this coating may actually reduce the illumination range of the lights.

Eco Tyres. If wanting to treat the environment with as much kindness as possible is part of your automotive makeup, you might be interested to know that there are companies whose new tires are made from recycled tires. One of them, EcoTyre Technologies Inc., is even going to start selling recycled tires over the internet this September. The company says it will be offering "premium grade, high-mileage, recycled auto and truck tires factory direct at pricing that would save customers between 40-70

percent of similar new tires bought at any retail outlets."

This new web site will allow buyers to order from over 80 sizes of cars and trucks, and have delivery within 10 days, using either a credit card or checks to pay for them. At the moment, EcoTyre doesn't have a web address, but they can be reached at (516) 289-4638.

**Voice recognition.**A lot of office work can be accomplished while driving your car if you have a cell phone, but until recently, working on the computer hasn't been one of them. Then came the first of the sophisticated voice recognition systems from some software companies and suddenly it was possible to control your computer and actually create text files by speaking to it. Well, this technology is coming on like crazy and one of its pioneers, IBM, is already bringing out the second wave of programs that are even more talented than the first one.

The firm has just released ViaVoice 98, which in general terms translates as to "deliver simplicity and naturalness." That means ViaVoice 98 has features that allows the PC (sorry Mac-olytes) user to create, edit and format Microsoft Word documents in a more natural way. It also allows a hands-free editing and correction mode for various popular applications, including Lotus Word Pro.

The IBM ViaVoice 98 Speech Family actually consists of three products: the Executive, Office and Home editions, with prices starting at about \$150 and running down to less than \$50. They're available in English versions from , and later this fall will start showing up in various other languages, including French and Spanish.

## Check trailer hitch adjustment for summer's travel season

### ROLLING HOMES

By Jeff Johnston

The summer travel season is upon us! Many RVers in the winter-season regions of the country are getting their trailers out of storage and clearing away the mothballs in readiness for camping adventures to come. If you have an old established tow vehicle and trailer setup or are breaking in new equipment, it's always a good idea to do some hitch inspection and adjustment, as necessary, to help ensure a trouble-free towing season ahead.

If you're still using the same tow rig and trailer lashup, a basic once-over of the machinery will probably suffice. But if you've changed either vehicle or perhaps are unsure about some handling or performance aspects of your setup, a closer inspection of the hitch adjustment may be in order.

First of all, get down on the ground and eyeball all the vital mounting points. Unplated bolts and holes drilled in the rig's frame are subject to rust, as is the receiver assembly, most of which is not known for supreme anti-corrosion properties or paint jobs. Pay special attention to weld joints on the receiver, as these tend to rust very fast. Peer into the square cross-mounted receiver tube for signs of rust flakes or twisting that might indicate structural weakness.

While you're down there, take along a wire brush, clean rag and a spray can of good quality black rust-resistant paint. Use the wire brush to knock off any loose rust, wipe the surfaces clean with the rag and give everything a shot of black to help deter additional rust and reinforce the existing paint.

In the case of a fifth-wheel hitch, inspect the brackets between the truck frame rail and the hitch rails in the bed.



Take time to inspect and, if necessary, adjust the height of the trailer hitch to ensure trouble-free towing this summer season

The hitch assembly is well protected from road salts due to its position in the bed, and all it may need is fresh lubricant to start the season right.

Do the same kind of inspection on the trailer tongue, the hitch head, anti-sway device (if appropriate) and spring bars. Likewise, check the wiring for loose connections or frayed or worn spots. Have a helper do a once-over of the trailer brake and taillight functions now, as well as before each trip.

If you've changed trailers or tow rigs, you may not be able to simply plug in the hitch head, hook up the trailer and go. You may need to adjust the hitch head height, as well as the tension on the equalizing hitch spring bars.

A fifth-wheel hitch is easy to adjust for proper height. The trailer gooseneck should simply ride high enough, like about six inches, above the bed rails so the truck and trailer can move without coming into contact. Most fifth-wheel hitches have easy bolt-swapping adjustments for height.

If you have a new truck that has a higher bed or a trailer that sits lower on its axles, you may need to do height adjustment at the trailer axles to get it up high enough to allow adequate bed rail clearance. Check

with a local RV dealer about having this relatively easy procedure done.

Hitch height is a vitally important part of a stable travel trailer towing package. Hitch up your trailer, park the lashup on a flat level surface, stand back and look at the way the rigs sit. The trailer front-to-back stance should be level or down slightly at the hitch, relative to the tow rig.

If the hitch is too high, such that the trailer rides with its front end "up" relative to the tow rig, the change in axle caster can make for all kinds of squirrely handling characteristics. You'd be amazed at how much better your trailer will tow by simply lowering the hitch head a hole or two in its adjustable mount.

If your mount has no such adjustments or it's at the bottom of its travel, any RV parts supplier can help you pick out a mount with more drop. At the same time, you don't want a hitch that's so low it drags the ground every time you enter a driveway or some such, so you'll need to measure your rig and have

**Perform this kind of systematic inspection on both your trailer and tow rig, and you'll help ensure that your rig's ready for both the long and the short hauls ahead.**

the parts dealer help you determine what's best for your application.

Recheck the spring bar tension adjustment to make certain the trailer's tongue weight is equally distributed between both front and rear axles. This will help keep the lashup steering on an even keel.

Perform this kind of systematic inspection over on your trailer and rig, and you'll help ensure the rig's ready for the long and short — hauls ahead.

## Belts

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as possible. You may still have to struggle to get a belt onto the last pulley. Take care to not cut or tear the belt as you work it over the edges of the pulley. And be sure that when you're done, all the ribs of a poly-V-belt are in all the grooves in all the pulleys.

With the belt on, it must be tensioned to work properly. If the belt is too loose, it will slip and not drive the accessories.

If it's too tight, it will put too heavy a load on the accessories and possibly damage them. To be sure that you're properly tightening a belt, use a belt-tension gauge.

These are available for \$10 from auto parts stores.

To tighten a belt, reverse the loosening process. If it involves prying against the pivoting accessory, be sure only apply force to the reinforced section of that accessory's housing designed for the purpose. Don't use anything sharp, such as a screwdriver to pry with, or you may damage the accessory. After the swiveling accessory has the belt tensioned, be sure to tighten all the appropriate bolts to keep the accessory and the belt from working loose.

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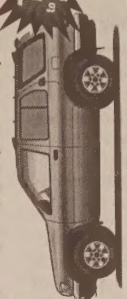
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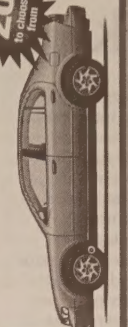


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# A glossary to get the novice through social car talk

## DRIVE, SHE SAID

By Denise McCluggage

Maybe you don't want to parade your ignorance. Maybe you've been listening, hoping the context will give you a clue to the meaning. Relax. Here are some quick explanations of a few automotive terms to keep you nodding wisely in the right places.

### Platform

Maybe someone mentions that the Sienna minivan is built on a similar platform to the Camry. These vehicles look totally different from each other. So what is a platform?

You might get a wide variety of looks out of your closet, yet many of them may start with one basic dress. The differences come from the variety of scarves, belts, jackets, sweaters and jewelry you use to fit a situation or a mood. Just as this can be an economical approach to expanding a wardrobe, automakers save money by using a basic platform for different vehicles.

Platform refers to the unseen underpinnings of a car: front and rear subframes, suspension system, cooling system, steering, fuel tank, transmission, braking system, and much of the engine's components. What's different are visual elements such as body panels, grilles, bumpers, headlights, and interior designs. Manufacturers get a lot of mileage, metaphorically speaking, by

using one platform to make a family sedan, sports coupe, luxury car, and even a sport utility vehicle (though most are truck-based platforms). Vehicles built on the same platform resemble each other more in the way they handle than in the way they look.

### Drum/disc brakes

Drum brakes use an enclosed rotating drum, about the size of a large, round roasting pan. When the brakes are applied, devices called shoes are pressed out against the sides of the drum and the friction between the shoe and the brake lining slows the wheel and thus the car.

Disc brakes, a flat rotor, slow the wheel by the pincer movement of padded calipers squeezing it. Once common only in race cars, they moved to the highway because they dispel heat faster than drums, and are less prone to fading. Some cars have disc brakes in front, drums in the rear. Some have disc brakes all around. Four-wheel discs are worth nodding enthusiastically about.

### Super-/turbocharger

Getting more air into an engine's combustion chamber gives it more power. Both superchargers and turbochargers cram more air in the engine. The difference is the supercharger uses an engine-driven air pump. Its power is available through the entire range of engine speeds.

A turbocharger uses a turbine, driven by the hot gases created by the engine. The engine must reach a certain rpm level before the turbo kicks in. That accounts

for the rather laggardly launch of many turbo cars and the sudden surge of power when the turbo announces its presence. In recent turbos that lag has been greatly reduced.

The disadvantage of a supercharger (or compressor as it is also called), is that being engine driven, it uses more fuel. However, that difference has also been lessened in recent years. Both superchargers and turbochargers raise the eyebrows of insurance companies, and they tend to charge more to insure your vehicle.

### FWD, RWD, 4WD, AWD:

Though your car has four wheels, only one of them is driven by engine power. Four-wheel drive (4WD) will get you out of slippery predicaments, because another wheel on the other axle now gets power, too. (All-wheel drive, or AWD, does the same thing as 4WD but the working distinction is that the driver of an AWD vehicle engages no buttons or levers to activate the system.

Power to one wheel at a time is the way it has been since it became clear that the outside wheel in a turn had to turn faster than the inside wheel. Thus, differentials were created (no scrubbing of the tires, or tougher steering in turns.)

Front-wheel drive (FWD) means the wheel that gets the power is on the front axle. Rear-wheel drive (RWD) means that it is in the rear. FWD "pulls" the car and makes for better traction. RWD "pushes" the car, and is usually more performance oriented and fun to drive.

# Winds of change are blowing

By Arnold Wechter  
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Nobody will argue that retail end of the car business is changing — and who has the right answer to which way to change. Giant retailers such as AutoNation and CarMax believe they are the future. Both believe a department store format is the way to go.

The customer walks in and finds the new or used car of his choice. There is one price and no haggling. The jury is out whether superstores will be the auto dealers of the future.

The Big Three each has its own plan. Chrysler apparently has faith in its individual dealers and is hard at work improving each store.

Ford has unveiled network programs in Salt Lake City, San Diego and Tulsa. It recently formed an unusual alliance with Republic Industries (AutoNation) to consolidate dealerships in Rochester, N.Y.

The number two auto maker believes its plan will consolidate retail distribution and cut costs.

General Motors in recent years has attempted to allow its large dealer body to become smaller by attrition and in California's San Fernando Valley has made a move similar to that of Ford.

GM is also consolidating its dealerships and making its stores move to better locations. Chrysler is

following a different path. It is attempting to bolster its dealer body by asking them to shape up with its revised "Five Star" program. This program allows dealers to qualify for the right to be called a "Five Star" operation must meet a long list of criteria designed to make the customer happier with his treatment.

At this point, you are thinking: "I've heard that refrain before." Chrysler is attempting to make sure the changes are more than just "smoke."

Dealers undergo regular checkups by Chrysler zone offices, but that isn't the end of the policing.

The auto maker has signed a contract with the Underwriters Laboratory to checkup on the checkup by the zone office.

"Make no mistake," said A.C. (Bud) Liebler, Vice President, Marketing, "this is nothing less than the refranchising of our entire dealer body. We've told our dealers that the ways of doing business in the past are no longer effective or acceptable."

From now on, when a customer sees the Five Star logo, they know they will receive only the highest levels of service, from the very moment they step into the showroom.

"It used to be 'once a Five Star dealer, always a Five Star dealer,'" said Liebler. "No longer. Our dealers have to continually improve to maintain their Five Star status. Today maintaining the status quo means that the world will pass you by, we can't let that happen."

To meet the annual requirements, a dealer must achieve high marks on customer satisfaction (CSI), sales satisfaction (SSI) and fix-it-right indexes as well as on training for dealership management and

In addition, continuous requirements must be met annually. These requirements include well-lighted, convenient parking, well-maintained and attractive vehicle display areas, proper signage and a clean, tidy, both inside and

Continuous Program Requirements consist of continuous improvement in the areas of sales, preparation and delivery, repair quality and inventory.

Chrysler cannot force dealers to join the Five Star program, but Liebler says the auto maker can radiate that membership will definitely be beneficial to the relationship.

"It is our plan to use Web site to provide information with the names of the nearest Five Star dealers," said Liebler.

A key aspect of the process is 100 percent customer follow-up, sales and service along with the goal of 100 percent customer satisfaction problem resolution, continued.

"We don't have a ball to predict the future of the auto retailing market but if a dealer is able to offer high CSI, SSI and then it should continue to prosper," said Liebler.

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